


CCDF State and Territory Profiles

Section two of this report contains a profile of each State and Territory that highlights selected services and activities as reported by Lead Agencies in their approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008–2009, which became effective October 1, 2007.

As a supplement to the text and figures presented throughout the first section of the report, the data selected for these profiles correspond to the CCDF Preprint under the following broad headings:

- **Administration and Implementation**, which is drawn from *Part 1 – Administration* and *Part 3 – Child Care Services Offered*.
- **Child Care Services Offered**, which is drawn from *Part 3 – Child Care Services Offered* and *Part 4 – Parental Rights and Responsibilities*.
- **Health and Safety Requirements**, which is drawn from *Part 6 – Health and Safety Requirements for Providers* (for States) and *Part 7 – Health and Safety Requirements in the Territories* (for Territories).
- **Selected Quality Activities**, which is drawn from *Part 2 – Developing the Child Care Program* and *Part 5 – Activities and Services to Improve the Quality and Availability of Child Care*.

Due to the wide variation in how States and Territories implement the CCDF program, data were selected in order to present the information as consistently as possible. In addition, these profiles do not provide a comprehensive picture of the CCDF program in each State and Territory. Under **Administration and Implementation**, *administration of the program* covers the majority of entities and methods involved in delivering CCDF services, although States and Territories vary widely in how the program is implemented.

Under **Child Care Services Offered**, the *income eligibility* information is based on entry into the program, not the maximum income limit for remaining eligible. The *reimbursement rates* for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented, which may or may not be representative of all possible rates. The *sliding fees* for full-time care for a family of three are presented. The *waiting list* information is based on responses to a series of yes/no questions, although States and Territories vary in their reasons for use and how they implement waiting lists. The *maximum length of eligibility upon initial authorization* for most families is presented, although the actual length of eligibility may vary within a State or Territory based on client needs or location of services.

Under **Health and Safety Requirements**, only information on which provider types are subject to licensing is presented. Information on the exemptions and any additional subsidy program requirements beyond licensing are not included.

Under **Selected Quality Activities**, examples highlight only one of many activities each State and Territory undertakes for each category.

Alabama

This profile highlights selected services and activities as reported by the Lead Agency in its approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008–2009, which became effective October 1, 2007. This profile is provided for illustrative purposes, and information may have changed since the effective date.

ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Alabama Department of Human Resources Child Care Services Division 50 Ripley Street Montgomery, AL 36130 Toll free: 866-528-1694 Web site: www.dhr.alabama.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/hres/index.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with child care management agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,042.00	\$2,586.00	\$1,483.00	49%	
Three	\$3,758.00	\$3,195.00	\$1,860.00	49%	
Four	\$4,474.00	\$3,803.00	\$2,237.00	50%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Alabama

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Birmingham			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$105.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$35.00/week
Toddler	\$105.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$35.00/week
Preschool	\$99.00/week	\$78.00/week	\$35.00/week
School Age	\$83.00/week	\$75.00/week	\$35.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: The Lead Agency has a separate rate for group homes. License-exempt rates represent rates for in-home and relative out-of-home care. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Birmingham are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$5.00/week	\$20.00/week	One-half the fee for each additional child	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	No	No	No	All relatives exempt from requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Alabama's Kids and Kin Relative Child Care Program offers equipment stipends to relative child care providers after they reach Levels I and II in the State's Voluntary Certification Program. Relative providers are offered training on health and safety, child development, and other topics.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Alabama's Infant Toddler Priority Outreach initiative concentrates on improving infant and toddler care by providing onsite assessment, consultation, training, and support to center-based infant and toddler programs.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Six regional child care management agencies provide public resource and referral services across Alabama.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency collaborates with the Department of Education to provide grants to local education agencies that operate school-age care programs.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Alabama has begun implementation of its early learning guidelines.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Alabama Professional Development Team is preparing an early and school-age care professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency continues to coordinate with relevant agencies on early care and education and other child-related issues.

Alaska

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Assistance Child Care Programs Office 619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 230 Anchorage, AK 99501-1677 Toll free: 888-268-4632 Web site: www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare/files/Child_Care_Assistance-7AAC_41-2006.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families. It also contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,458.00	\$3,790.00	\$3,516.00	79%	
Three	\$5,016.00	\$4,263.00	\$3,853.00	77%	
Four	\$5,573.00	\$4,737.00	\$4,190.00	75%	
SMI year: 2002					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Alaska

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Anchorage/Mat-Su Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$647.00/month	\$582.00/month	\$518.00/month
Toddler	\$615.00/month	\$553.00/month	\$492.00/month
Preschool	\$550.00/month	\$495.00/month	\$440.00/month
School Age	\$537.00/month	\$483.00/month	\$430.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: April 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for approved or in-home care. Geographic area: Rates are established for six geographic regions. Anchorage/Mat-Su Region rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$13.00/month	\$766.00/month	\$766.00/month	September 2002	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** CCR&R agencies support families with children who have special needs through a liaison who provides enhanced referrals to parents and training and resources to child care providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Alaska provides specialized training to help programs offer safe, healthy care that meets the developmental needs of infants and toddlers through the use of the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale and the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale. It also offers assessment follow-up via consultations and mini-grants for quality improvements identified through the assessment process.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Three CCR&R grantees provide services to urban and rural communities throughout Alaska. They receive funding to maintain and support outreach workers in 17 smaller communities to provide linkages with community organizations and help organize and support provider training and recruitment.
- **School-Age Child Care:** School-age targeted funds support onsite consultations, training, advising, and travel grants for rural school-age care providers.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** A summary of Alaska's early learning guidelines for children birth through kindergarten is available at www.eed.state.ak.us/news/elg_summary.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Alaska System for Early Education Development Council is undergoing a major transition.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Alaska is implementing its plan for early childhood program coordination. There is not one entity responsible for ensuring that such coordination occurs across all systems.

American Samoa

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION				
Lead Agency Contact Information		Administration of the Program		
Department of Human and Social Services P.O. Box 6776 Pago Pago, AS 96799 Phone: 684-699-4155 Web site: www.dhss.as		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED				
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)				
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Two	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,142.00	Not applicable
Three	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,184.00	Not applicable
Four	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,077.00	Not applicable
<p><u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income limits are based on other sources.</p>				
Age Eligibility Criteria				
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care				No
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision				No
Waiting Lists				
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.				
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization				
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.				

American Samoa

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$200.00/month	\$160.00/month	\$160.00/month
Toddler	\$180.00/month	\$140.00/month	\$140.00/month
Preschool	\$180.00/month	\$140.00/month	\$140.00/month
School Age	\$180.00/month	\$140.00/month	\$140.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for in-home providers. The rate structure includes a separate rate group for family homes. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: American Samoa does not have a sliding fee scale in place because all families served are below poverty level.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All relative providers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers (i.e., child care centers, group homes, family child care settings, and in-home care).

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Educators from the Department of Health conduct monthly outreach services to all CCDF-funded child care centers. Education modules focusing on promoting child wellness, child health awareness, childhood diseases, child health and safety issues, nutrition education, and child development are provided at each visit. Education materials are provided in both English and native languages, including Samoan and Tongan.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Early intervention (Part C) screening and assessment are followed by service planning and supports for parents, family members, and/or caregivers. A clinical psychologist conducts clinical assessments. Coordinated case management is provided in partnership with other service agencies, including the departments of Health, Education, and Human and Social Services.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency prints monthly announcements in local newspapers and radio stations regarding the importance of early learning and child development. Published information includes resources for child care, locations, and contact numbers.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Not applicable.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Early learning guidelines have been developed and are undergoing a review.
- **Professional Development Plans:** American Samoa is planning its professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency works in conjunction with other State agencies to further collaboration efforts.

Arizona

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Arizona Department of Economic Security Child Care Administration Site code 801A 1789 W. Jefferson 3rd Floor SW Phoenix, AZ 85007 Phone: 602-542-4248 Web site: www.azdes.gov/childcare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_06/6-05.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to administer TANF child care, including transitional child care, in various geographic areas and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, including community colleges, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,463.00	\$2,944.00	\$1,883.00	54%	
Three	\$4,278.00	\$3,637.00	\$2,362.00	55%	
Four	\$5,092.00	\$4,329.00	\$2,840.00	56%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					No
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Arizona

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Maricopa County					
Age	Licensed		License Exempt		
	Center	Family Child Care			
Infant	\$31.71/day	\$21.00/day	\$11.03/day		
Toddler	\$27.93/day	\$21.00/day	\$11.03/day		
Preschool	\$24.99/day	\$18.90/day	\$11.03/day		
School Age	\$24.57/day	\$17.85/day	\$11.03/day		

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: Rates for licensed family child care homes represent rates for certified family homes and certified in-home providers. License-exempt rates represent those for noncertified relative providers. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for group homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by district. Rates for District I, Maricopa County, are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$1.00/day	\$10.00/day	\$15.00/day for 2 children	July 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child. Fee for second and third child is 50 percent of the rate for the first child, each. Families with additional children pay 25 percent of the rate for the first child. For families on transitional child care, there is no sliding fee scale beyond the third child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: Arizona's infant and toddler child care team helps improve care by reviewing State licensing standards, accountability measures, professional development, program evaluation, and financial incentives. ■ Infants and Toddlers: Arizona offers home recruitment contracts for family child care providers that focus on infant care, especially for nontraditional hours. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The Arizona Early Education Fund was established to help communities statewide build the quality and capacity of early care programs for children from birth to age 5. This fund was established to support child health, literacy, and quality enhancement. ■ School-Age Child Care: Phone A Friend is an after-school bilingual warmline service available for children who are home alone. Trained counselors assist children with homework, sibling conflicts, problem solving, and nonemergency situations. The program also provides home and Internet safety trainings to children.
<p>Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines: Arizona's Early Learning Standards are available at www.ade.az.gov/earlychildhood/downloads/EarlyLearningStandards.pdf. ■ Professional Development Plans: The Division of School Readiness continues creating a professional development plan. ■ Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination: The Arizona State School Readiness Board and appropriate State agency directors are charged with implementing plans for coordination across early childhood programs.

Arkansas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-140 Little Rock, AR 72203 Phone: 501-682-8947 Web site: www.arkansas.gov/childcare Administrative rules/policy manual: www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/elections_pdfs/register/april-2004/016.22.04-001.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental entities. ■ Care is provided through certificates and Specialized Child Care Grants, which are available to all licensed providers meeting Arkansas Better Chance program criteria and Quality Approval/Accreditation standards. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$2,740.00	\$2,329.00	Not applicable	85%	
Three	\$3,384.75	\$2,877.04	Not applicable	85%	
Four	\$4,029.41	\$3,425.00	Not applicable	85%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2006. <u>Note:</u> Arkansas income eligibility limits are based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau for FY 2006.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Arkansas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Pulaski County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$25.50/day	\$23.50/day	\$23.50/day
Toddler	\$24.50/day	\$22.50/day	\$22.50/day
Preschool	\$21.10/day	\$18.70/day	\$18.70/day
School Age	\$21.10/day	\$17.50/day	\$17.50/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: November 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for relative child care family homes. Family child care rates are for registered family child care homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Pulaski County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
No fee	80% of provider fee	80% of provider fee	January 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** A cadre of 50 evaluators conducts reviews and monitors all Arkansas Better Chance, Even Start, and Quality Approved programs annually using environment rating scales. Programs must achieve at least a 5.5 on a scale of 7 to qualify for quality status.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Arkansas Division of Child Care and Early Education provides enhancement and improvement grants for quality development in infant and toddler programs.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** One statewide and four local resource and referral agencies support the Lead Agency by providing a toll-free number for parents, employers, and providers to obtain information regarding child care resources. The number also serves as the referral service for parenting education and provides access to information about subsidy eligibility and training opportunities.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Arkansas State University provides support to school-age child care programs through the Arkansas Out of School Network, which has several working groups involved in developing quality rating system requirements, a professional development system, core competencies for youth workers and school-age staff, and a governance structure.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The *Arkansas Framework for Infant and Toddler Care* is available at www.arkansas.gov/childcare/DCCECE_serv.html.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Information about the Arkansas Early Childhood Professional Development System is available at <http://professionalregistry.astate.edu>.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Numerous agreements and working partnerships are in place to ensure coordination across early childhood programs.

California

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
California Department of Education Child Development Division 1430 N Street, Suite 3410 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-319-0800 Web site: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.leginfo.ca.gov/.html/edc_table_of_contents.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency has contracts, grants, and agreements with government and nongovernmental agencies, including local child care and development agencies, to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. Care is provided through both the certificate program and contracts with centers and family child care home education networks. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,515.00	\$3,838.00	\$3,386.00	75%	
Three	\$4,837.00	\$4,112.00	\$3,628.00	75%	
Four	\$5,375.00	\$4,569.00	\$4,031.00	75%	
SMI year: 2005					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

California

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Los Angeles County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$253.65/week	\$183.32/week	\$164.99/week
Toddler	\$253.65/week	\$183.32/week	\$164.99/week
Preschool	\$182.03/week	\$169.99/week	\$152.99/week
School Age	\$155.25/week	\$151.30/week	\$136.17/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for unlicensed trustlined/relative care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Los Angeles County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$2.00/day	\$17.25/day	\$17.25/day	January 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency continues to support the professional development of family child care associations. Sixty-six providers were given support for the purpose of national accreditation in the prior project cycle. Four associations achieved milestones, including the development of Spanish language provider groups and recruitment of 50 providers in one rural association area.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Child Care Initiative Project works to increase the number of infant and toddler family child care providers throughout the State through recruitment, training, and initial support.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** California has a results-oriented approach to working with its resource and referral agencies. The agencies are expected to maintain databases with information about licensed care in every community, respond to calls from parents about child care options, and assist them in deciding on appropriate referrals. New providers are recruited and opportunities for providers to enhance their skills are offered.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Targeted quality funds provide resource grants to new and ongoing before- and after-school programs and support quality enhancements in these programs. Grants cover the cost of equipment and supplies, ancillary educational materials, and minor renovation and repair to meet health and safety guidelines.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** California is developing early learning guidelines.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The primary source of professional development is the California Community College system.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency has promoted extensive coordination across different program types, funding streams, and State agencies.

Colorado

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care 1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-866-5948 Web site: www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/cccap_home.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/current_year_co_state_plan.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of human services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency also has contracts and interagency agreements with government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Colorado Department of Education, to implement quality activities. Nearly all care is provided through certificates. Only 1 percent of care is provided through contracts, which are mostly with child care centers. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,983.00	\$3,386.00	\$2,600.00	65%	
Three	\$4,921.00	\$4,183.00	\$3,250.00	66%	
Four	\$5,858.00	\$4,980.00	\$3,900.00	67%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all families; it maintains waiting lists at the county level with oversight by the Lead Agency when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Colorado

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Denver Metro Counties					
Age	Licensed		License Exempt		
	Center	Family Child Care			
Infant	\$30.20/day	\$23.20/day	\$9.00/day		
Toddler	\$30.20/day	\$23.20/day	\$9.00/day		
Preschool	\$24.20/day	\$21.20/day	\$9.00/day		
School Age	\$24.20/day	\$21.20/day	\$9.00/day		
<p>For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. <u>Effective date of payment rates</u>: June 2007. <u>Note</u>: The rate structure includes three separate rates for toddlers (12–18 months, 18–24 months, and 24–30 months). Rates for children 18–24 months are presented. License-exempt rates are for exempt family child care homes. <u>Geographic area</u>: Rates vary by county/groups of counties and quality rating. Rates for Denver City and County with no rating are presented.</p>					
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$7.00/month	\$455.00/month	An additional \$40.00/month per each additional child	June 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No
<p>For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fee for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note</u>: Parental fee is per family.</p>					
HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives	
Yes	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements	
SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: The Lead Agency provides funding to programs and agencies to support the local development of early childhood systems efforts, including child care resource and referral services, professional development, the Colorado School Readiness Program, and statewide early childhood councils. ■ Infants and Toddlers: The Expanding Quality in Infant/Toddler Care Initiative includes a training course based on the work of the Program for Infant/Toddler Care, the Colorado Core Knowledge and Standards, and current evidence-based practices. It is available in English or Spanish to center-based and family child care providers. ■ Resource and Referral Services: Qualistar Early Learning coordinates and oversees community-based resource and referral agencies statewide. The State is organized into 16 service delivery areas. ■ School-Age Child Care: School-age activities are conducted under an interagency agreement with the Colorado Department of Education and through local early childhood councils. These agencies, in coordination with the Colorado Afterschool Network, will create greater public awareness and facilitate better integration of developmentally appropriate practices. 					
Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines: Colorado is revising its early learning guidelines. Information is available at www.cde.state.co.us/early/early.htm. ■ Professional Development Plans: Colorado is revising its professional development plan. Information is available at www.smartstartcolorado.org/professionals/index.html. ■ Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination: The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is responsible for implementing coordination among entities through the Prevention Leadership Council on initiatives related to prevention and intervention. 					

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION				
Lead Agency Contact Information	Administration of the Program			
CNMI Public School System P.O. Box 501370 Saipan, MP 96950 Phone: 670-237-3007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 			
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED				
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)				
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Two	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,100.00	Not applicable
Three	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,383.00	Not applicable
Four	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,667.00	Not applicable
<p><u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2006.</p>				
Age Eligibility Criteria				
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care				No
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision				No
Waiting Lists				
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.				
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization				
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.				

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Commonwealth-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month
Toddler	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month
Preschool	\$300.00/month	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month
School Age	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month	\$250.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for relative care. Geographic area: Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
10% of care cost	10% of care cost	10% of care cost	October 1, 2007	All families required to pay fee	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Some or all relative providers are subject to different health and safety requirements than other providers (i.e., child care centers, group homes, family child care settings, and in-home care).

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Territory is offering and expanding targeted trainings for child care providers and parents to support early language, literacy, and numeracy development in collaboration with the Head Start program and the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** On an annual basis, the Lead Agency uses the Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised to identify training needs as well as focused technical assistance opportunities for child care providers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Parents are provided with information to support their choice of provider, including center-based, in-home care, group homes, and family child care providers.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency implements after-school care and Saturday programs in collaboration with various public schools. The main objective is to provide tutorials, mentoring, enrichment, interscholastic sports, and role modeling for school-age children in a developmentally appropriate after-school format.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The Territory has published and distributed its early learning guidelines.
- **Professional Development Plans:** CNMI is formulating a professional development plan based on the early learning guidelines and child care regulations.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency operates the child care program, the Head Start program, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Parts B and C, and the early childhood education component (grades K–3) of public education.

Connecticut

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Social Services Family Services Division 25 Sigourney Street Hartford, CT 06106 Toll free: 888-214-5437 Web site: www.ctcare4kids.com Administrative rules/policy manual: www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=2353&q=305180			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with United Way of Connecticut, Inc., a nongovernmental organization, to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and provide resource and referral services. The Lead Agency also contracts with another government agency to issue provider payments and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Approximately 75 percent of care is provided through certificates and the remaining 25 percent through contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$5,225.00	\$4,421.00	\$2,612.00	50%	
Three	\$6,454.00	\$5,486.00	\$3,227.00	50%	
Four	\$7,684.00	\$6,531.00	\$3,842.00	50%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Connecticut

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Southwest Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$227.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
Toddler	\$227.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
Preschool	\$179.00/week	\$173.00/week	\$89.00/week
School Age	\$162.00/week	\$162.00/week	\$89.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2002. Note: License-exempt rates are for care by relatives, in children's homes, or in recreational programs. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Southwest Region rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
2% of gross income	8% of gross income	8% of gross income	July 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Connecticut is facilitating a review of child care availability for homeless children and exploring a pilot program to address issues associated with providing care for this population. The establishment of a mental health support system for both the child/family and child care staff is an integral part of the discussion.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Connecticut has coordinated the work of early childhood providers, parents, researchers, and field experts to develop early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers. The guidelines complement the State's Preschool Curriculum Framework.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Connecticut contracts with the United Way of Connecticut 211-Child Care project, which offers statewide resource and referral services to expand the number of licensed family providers.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency contracts with state-supported, school-age child care programs to provide comprehensive services.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *The Connecticut Framework: Preschool Curriculum Framework* is available at www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Early/Preschool_framework.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Connecticut Charters-a-Course is the professional development and program improvement system for early and school-age care. Information is available at www.ctcharts-a-course.org.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Connecticut has developed a coordination plan. *Ready by 5 & Fine by 9: Connecticut's Early Childhood Investment Framework* is available at www.ecpolicycouncil.org/docs/ready5_fine9.pdf. Early childhood investment plan recommendations are available at www.ecpolicycouncil.org/docs/Summary_report_w_apps.pdf.

Delaware

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Delaware Health & Social Services Division of Social Services 1901 N. duPont Highway, Lewis Building New Castle, DE 19720 Phone: 302-255-9643 Web site: www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dss/childcr.html Administrative rules/policy manual: www.state.de.us/research/AdminCode/title16/5000/5100/11000/index.shtml#TopOfPage			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with a nonprofit organization, the Family and Workplace Connection, to provide resource and referral services. It has also established a memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Education to implement quality activities, including the pilot quality rating system. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,323.00	\$3,675.00	\$2,282.00	53%	
Three	\$5,340.00	\$4,539.00	\$2,862.00	54%	
Four	\$6,357.00	\$5,404.00	\$3,442.00	54%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Delaware

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – New Castle County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$147.50/week	\$112.50/week	\$105.00/week
Toddler	\$124.50/week	\$107.50/week	\$100.00/week
Preschool	\$110.40/week	\$87.00/week	\$58.00/week
School Age	\$110.40/week	\$87.00/week	\$58.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for in-home and relative care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for New Castle County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
1% of care cost	85% of care cost	85% of care cost	October 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** As of 2007, Delaware trained 39 health consultants, 6 of whom are active within the child care community statewide. In 2006, more than 300 hours of technical assistance was delivered to 6 centers, and 23 health and safety trainings were delivered to more than 90 providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Delaware's Child Care Capacity Building Program helps increase the supply of appropriate, affordable child care for low-income working families with a focus on infant and toddler and school-age care, care for children with special needs and mildly ill children, and care offered during nontraditional hours.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Child care resource and referral staff assist the Lead Agency when families need direct case management in order to find child care.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Delaware developed a school-age credential program that includes nine college credits and a competency demonstrating the use of the School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Delaware's early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers and preschool-age children are available at www.doe.k12.de.us/programs/earlychildhood/.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Delaware is creating a comprehensive, coordinated, cross-sector professional development system to be managed by the State Department of Education.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Delaware has developed an Early Success II coordination plan. The Office of Early Care and Education is responsible for supporting the collaboration.

District of Columbia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
DC Department of Human Services 717 14th Street NW, Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-727-1839 Web site: www.dhs.dc.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://198.187.128.12/dc/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=fs-main.htm&2.0			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with a combination of other government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Early Care and Education Administration, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and with nongovernmental agencies to assist parents in locating care. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ Approximately 60 percent of care is provided through contracts, which are offered through two memorandum of understanding agreements between the Lead Agency and the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation and the District of Columbia Public Schools Head Start Program. The remaining 40 percent is provided through certificates. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,177.00	\$2,701.00	\$2,673.00	84%	
Three	\$3,925.00	\$3,336.00	\$3,352.00	85%	
Four	\$4,672.00	\$3,971.00	\$4,031.00	86%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2006. <u>Note:</u> The District of Columbia has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 300 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income eligibility is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

District of Columbia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Districtwide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$40.70/day	\$28.49/day	\$16.82/day
Toddler	\$39.83/day	\$27.14/day	\$14.33/day
Preschool	\$29.21/day	\$22.03/day	\$14.33/day
School Age	\$19.85/day	\$20.00/day	\$13.92/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2005. Note: Rates provided are for traditional full-time care at the Bronze Level. The rate structure includes a separate before- and after-school rate for preschool-age children. License-exempt rates are for relative care. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for in-home providers. Geographic area: Rates are districtwide, but vary by tier.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$13.08/day	Fee for second child is 75% of the fee for the first child and there is no fee for additional children	October 1, 2005	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child for the first two children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Early Care and Education Administration funds an evaluation plan for continuous quality improvement initiatives in early care and education, school-age care, youth care, and professional development.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers are closely related to the guidelines for children entering kindergarten.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Targeted funds support “211 Answers, Please!,” a hotline for social services and resource and referral across the District of Columbia. It helps callers find child care and other services.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Center for Applied Research and Urban Policy at the University of the District of Columbia is conducting an assessment of neighborhood needs relative to school-age care. Results will be used to develop a more targeted approach for the use of CCDF funds with the school-age population.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Early Learning Standards for Children Entering Kindergarten in the District of Columbia: Building a Strong Foundation for School Success and Lifelong Learning* is available at http://dhs.dc.gov/dhs/lib/dhs/pdfs/child/dclearningstandards_num2_05-2005_document.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Findings from a professional development provider opinion survey are the basis for the District’s professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The District of Columbia is implementing its coordination plan. The Department of Human Services Early Care and Education Administration is the coordinating entity.

Florida

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) Office of Early Learning 107 East Madison Street MSC #140 Tallahassee, FL 32399-4120 Toll free: 866-357-3239 Web site: www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/documents/OELRules01-06-2006_000.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Department of Children and Families, to determine eligibility for TANF families and implement quality activities. It also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, issue provider payments, and help parents find care. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,529.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,711.00	33%	
Three	\$4,359.00	\$3,705.00	\$2,146.00	34%	
Four	\$5,189.00	\$4,411.00	\$2,581.00	34%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Florida has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income is set at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 200 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Florida

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$117.00/week	\$101.00/week	\$50.00/week
Toddler	\$102.00/week	\$94.50/week	\$42.00/week
Preschool	\$93.00/week	\$83.00/week	\$41.00/week
School Age	\$83.00/week	\$78.00/week	\$39.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: Center rates are for licensed and exempt centers. Family child care rates are for licensed homes. There are two separate toddler rates (TOD and 2 YR); TOD are presented. There are three separate rates for preschool children (PR3, PR4, and PR5); PR3 are presented. Geographic area: Rates vary by early learning coalition area. Rates for the early learning coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.80/day	\$11.20/day	Second and all additional children pay a reduced fee	July 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fee for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child. Parental fees vary by early learning coalition. Sliding fee scale for early learning coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe counties is presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: Through AWI Office of Early Learning’s Statewide Quality Initiative, a comprehensive training program has been designed to help early learning providers use the Florida School Readiness Performance Standards, the Florida Department of Education Voluntary Prekindergarten Education standards, and the Birth to Three Learning and Developmental Standards. ■ Infants and Toddlers: Through the Quality Initiative and the Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention, an infant and toddler early learning coalition staffing needs assessment will be conducted. The results will be used to provide additional training and technical assistance across the State. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The Office of Early Learning operates the Florida Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Network. Early learning coalitions provide CCR&R services directly or through contracted service providers. ■ School-Age Child Care: The Lead Agency is helping develop school-age program quality standards. Staff serve on a steering committee along with partners from the Florida Afterschool Network and other State departments.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Florida is revising its guidelines. Early learning guidelines for children from birth to age 5 are available at www.floridajobs.org/earlylearning/oei_performance.html.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Professional Development Initiative Steering Committee will evaluate, create, and implement a professional development plan for early childhood professionals. Information is available at www.thechildrensforum.com/Professional_Development.htm#Professional%20Development%20Initiative.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Florida is developing a coordination plan. The Agency for Workforce Innovation, Office of Early Learning is responsible for coordination.

Georgia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Family and Children Services Child Care Unit Two Peachtree Street NW, Suite 21-293 Atlanta, GA 30303-3142 Phone: 404-657-3434 Web site: http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.odis.dhr.state.ga.us/3000_fam/3540_caps/caps.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and provides resource and referral services. It contracts with Maximus, a private, for-profit contractor, to issue payments. It also contracts with other government agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,425.00	\$2,912.00	\$1,760.00	51%	
Three	\$4,231.00	\$3,597.00	\$2,213.00	52%	
Four	\$5,037.00	\$4,282.00	\$2,667.00	53%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2007. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2006.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Georgia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Zone 1 (Greater Metro Atlanta Counties)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$139.00/week	\$110.00/week	\$90.00/week
Toddler	\$129.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$85.00/week
Preschool	\$114.00/week	\$96.00/week	\$67.00/week
School Age	\$65.00/week	\$50.00/week	\$50.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2006. Note: The rate structure includes full- and part-time rates for school-age care (including prekindergarten). School-age rates for before- and after-school are presented. License-exempt care includes relatives and nonrelatives. Geographic area: Rates vary by three multicounty zones. Rates for Zone 1 (greater metro Atlanta counties) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$50.00/week	\$50.00/week	August 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is based on percent of income and is per family. For families with multiple children in care, the fee is assigned to the youngest child in care.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) developed the statewide Standards of Care Program to improve the quality of child care centers and group and family child care homes. The voluntary program provides training, quality enhancement grants, and technical assistance.
- Infants and Toddlers:** Georgia has completed the development and initial distribution of early learning guidelines for children birth to 3, which align with the State's Pre-K Content Standards.
- Resource and Referral Services:** DECAL requires all child care resource and referral agencies to be "Quality Assured" by the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies within 1 year of receiving a State contract.
- School-Age Child Care:** The School Age Program Support and Accreditation Support Initiative through the Georgia School Age Care Association provides intensive training, onsite technical assistance, and mini grants to school-age providers seeking to improve quality and/or attain accreditation.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Georgia Early Learning Standards* and *Georgia's Pre-K Program Content Standards* are available at www.decal.state.ga.us.
- Professional Development Plans:** The Early Care and Education Professional Development System has multiple components. Information is available at www.training.decal.state.ga.us/welcome.do.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning coordinates implementation of the plan.

Guam

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION				
Lead Agency Contact Information		Administration of the Program		
Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Public Welfare-CCDF P.O. Box 2816 Hagatna, GU 96932 Phone: 671-735-7274 Web site: http://dphss.guam.gov		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, issues provider payments, and provides resource and referral services. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ Approximately 80 percent of care is provided through certificates, and the remaining 20 percent through grants and/or contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED				
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)				
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Two	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,711.00	Not applicable
Three	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$2,146.00	Not applicable
Four	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$2,581.00	Not applicable
<p><u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2008.</p>				
Age Eligibility Criteria				
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care				Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision				Yes
Waiting Lists				
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.				
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization				
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.				

Guam

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling –Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$175.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$75.00/week
Toddler	\$150.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$75.00/week
Preschool	\$150.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$75.00/week
School Age	\$130.00/week	\$130.00/week	\$75.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: There are four categories of license-exempt and rates for all categories are the same. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
0% of care cost	50% of care cost	50% of care cost	October 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All relative providers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers (i.e., child care centers, group homes, family child care settings, and in-home care).

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency uses CCDF funds to monitor and conduct consistent evaluations for all types of child care providers. CCDF funds also support three inspectors conducting monitoring and compliance visits.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** As a result of participating in the National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative and in collaboration with local partners, Guam completed draft early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Guam's Bureau of Social Services Administration maintains a directory of licensed child care centers, family child care settings, and group family child care homes, which is made available to parents. There is no formal resource and referral function in Guam.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Guam makes grants available to school-age care providers to assist them in working toward Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and licensing compliance.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Guam completed the development of its early learning guidelines for children 3 to 5 years of age and has completed draft early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Guam is revising its plan for professional development.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency works through Project Tinituhon in partnership with other State agencies and other sectors of the early childhood field to implement the collaboration plan.

Hawaii

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Human Services Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division 820 Mililani Street, Suite 606 Honolulu, HI 96813 Phone: 808-586-7083 Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dhs/self-sufficiency/benefit/Administrative rules/policy manual: www.hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/har_current/HAR%2017-798-1%20Apr2006.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF families. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies, including Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc., to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and assist parents in locating care. It also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to issue provider payments and implement quality activities. Approximately half of all care is provided through certificates, and the remaining half through contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,740.00	\$3,179.00	Not applicable	85%	
Three	\$4,620.00	\$3,927.00	Not applicable	85%	
Four	\$5,501.00	\$4,675.00	Not applicable	85%	
SMI year: 2004					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Hawaii

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$700.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$300.00/month
Toddler	\$500.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$300.00/month
Preschool	\$500.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$300.00/month
School Age	\$140.00/month	\$140.00/month	\$45.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates are for relative, nonrelative, and group care. There are five separate rates for school-age care. Licensed and license-exempt after-school care rates are presented. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
0% of payment rate	20% of payment rate	20% of payment rate	November 1, 2005	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is based on reimbursement rate per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: Hawaii offers annual financial incentives to providers who meet certain quality standards. The evaluation of this new program will include a provider survey about the type of quality improvements that were achieved with the additional incentives. ■ Infants and Toddlers: The Lead Agency and the State Department of Health support the Full Inclusion for All Infants and Toddlers project, which provides subsidies, training, and support to families with infants and toddlers who have special needs. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The Lead Agency contracted with the University of Hawaii Center on the Family to provide the Quality Care Program in partnership with the Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, Honolulu Community College, and the statewide child care resource and referral agency. The program provides training and technical assistance for implementing research-based practices. ■ School-Age Child Care: The Department of Education runs A+, a statewide after-school program that is available to all elementary children in the public school system. The Lead Agency has an agreement with the Department of Education to provide subsidy funds for after-school child care services to those elementary children who are eligible for free or reduced lunch at all public elementary schools statewide.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Content Standards: Curriculum Guidelines for Programs for Four-Year-Olds* is available at www.goodbeginnings.org/pdf/SchoolReadiness/HPCS2004.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Hawaii is planning a professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Hawaii is in the planning stage. The Lead Agency contracts with Good Beginnings Alliance, a private organization, to facilitate meetings between public and private partners to improve outcomes for young children.

Idaho

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0036 Phone: 208-334-5656 Web site: www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/0612.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies, such as the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, to provide resource and referral services and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$2,973.30	\$2,527.00	\$1,356.00	46%	
Three	\$3,672.90	\$3,122.00	\$1,706.00	46%	
Four	\$4,372.50	\$3,717.00	\$2,056.00	47%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 1998. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 1998.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Idaho

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region IV (Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$594.00/month	\$505.00/month	\$489.00/month
Toddler	\$539.00/month	\$473.00/month	\$460.00/month
Preschool	\$492.00/month	\$460.00/month	\$460.00/month
School Age	\$301.00/month	\$301.00/month	\$301.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2001. Note: Licensed family rates represent rates for group home care. License-exempt rates represent rates for family day care. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV (Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley counties) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
7% of care cost	66% of care cost	66% of care cost	January 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** A statewide public awareness campaign was implemented using print, radio, and billboards across the State. Information is provided through the Idaho CareLine. Operators connect callers to the IdahoSTARS office for information about subsidies, costs, benefits, and incentives to increase quality.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The State is revising its early learning guidelines to include children birth through age 3.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** IdahoSTARS provides centralized child care referral services to the entire State. Parents receive personalized referrals by calling the toll-free 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency contracts with IdahoSTARS (Idaho State Training and Registry System) Professional Development System. This program offers a provider registry system for referrals, provider training and incentives, tracking and measurement tools, and training and curricula quality assurance measures. IdahoSTARS includes a track for providers working with school-age children.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Idaho's early learning guidelines for 3- to 5-year-olds are available at www.sde.state.id.us/SpecialEd/docs/content/IdahoEarlyLearningStandards.doc. The State is revising and expanding the guidelines to include children birth to age 3.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Idaho is implementing its professional development plan. Additional information is available at <http://idahostars.org>.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency is working with the Governor's Office to implement the coordination plan.

Illinois

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Illinois Department of Human Services Human Capital Development Services 400 W. Lawrence 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62762 Toll free: 877-202-4453 Web site: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355 Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=9877			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies and child care site programs to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families. The Lead Agency contracts with CCR&R agencies to help parents find care, and it works with CCR&R agencies to issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies and with other CCR&R agencies to implement quality activities. Approximately 93 percent of children are served through the certificate program each month, and the remaining 7 percent are served through contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,101.00	\$3,486.00	\$2,111.00	51%	
Three	\$5,066.00	\$4,306.00	\$2,647.00	52%	
Four	\$6,031.00	\$5,127.00	\$3,184.00	53%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Illinois

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group IA (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry Counties)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$39.27/day	\$25.83/day	\$12.37/day
Toddler	\$33.17/day	\$24.86/day	\$12.37/day
Preschool	\$27.66/day	\$23.30/day	\$12.37/day
School Age	\$13.83/day	\$11.65/day	\$12.37/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2008. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for license-exempt day care homes, nonrelative care in the child's home, or relative care. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group IA (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, and McHenry counties) are presented. License-exempt rates are statewide.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$4.33/month	\$238.32/month	\$407.30/month	September 1, 2007	All families required to pay fee	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. There is a maximum fee increase for each additional child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Great START (Strategies to Attract and Retain Teachers) wage supplement program offers financial incentives to licensed center and family child care home providers who attain education beyond State licensing requirements and remain employed by the same child care program.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Infant/Toddler Incentive Program is available to child care centers that expand their capacity for infants and toddlers enrolled in the child care assistance program (CCAP). Providers can qualify for a 10 percent add-on to the standard daily reimbursement rate if they enroll a certain percentage of infants or toddlers participating in CCAP.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** In 2007, 17,000 providers were listed in the Illinois child care resource and referral database, and 37,600 parents were provided with information about quality child care.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Two nonprofit initiatives, Making the Most Out of Out of School Time and Illinois Afterschool Network, coordinate efforts to support school-age care activities for providers, families, and others.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Illinois Early Learning Standards for 3 to 4 Year Olds* and *Illinois Early Learning Standards for Kindergarten* are available at www.isbe.net/earlychi/. Program standards for birth to age 3 are being implemented.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Information about Gateways to Opportunity: The Illinois Early Care and Education Professional Development Network is available at www.ilgateways.com.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Illinois Early Learning Council's plan, *Preschool for All*, is available at www.illinois.gov/gov/elc/reports/Preschool-for-All_051006.pdf.

Indiana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources Bureau of Child Care 402 West Washington Street, W-386 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Toll free: 877-511-1144 Web site: http://in.gov/fssa/carefinder/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.in.gov/fssa/files/IN-ProviderManual120707.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for TANF families and implement quality activities. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, including community action programs, and with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with a private for-profit agency to issue provider payments. The majority of care is provided through the certificate program. Some child care services are available to families through direct contracts with licensed child care centers, which must be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,659.00	\$3,110.00	\$1,449.00	40%	
Three	\$4,519.00	\$3,842.00	\$1,817.00	40%	
Four	\$5,380.00	\$4,573.00	\$2,185.00	41%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Indiana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Marion County					
Age	Licensed		License Exempt		
	Center	Family Child Care			
Infant	\$218.00/week	\$130.00/week	\$95.00/week		
Toddler	\$188.00/week	\$125.00/week	\$89.00/week		
Preschool	\$160.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$79.00/week		
School Age	\$79.00/week	\$76.00/week	\$63.00/week		
<p>For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. <u>Effective date of payment rates</u>: October 1, 2007. <u>Note</u>: License-exempt rates are for legally/license-exempt homes. The rate structure includes a separate rate for legally/license-exempt facilities. In-home rates are not included in the rate structure. The reimbursement rate for in-home care is calculated per family on an hourly rate consistent with the current Federal minimum wage. <u>Geographic area</u>: Rates vary by county. Rates for Marion County are presented.</p>					
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	7% of income	7% of income	April 29, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes
<p>For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note</u>: Parental fee is per family.</p>					
HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives	
No	Not applicable	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements	
SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: The Lead Agency laid the groundwork to establish a statewide quality rating system in 2006. The Lead Agency's quality partners and other stakeholders are developing a statewide implementation plan. ■ Infants and Toddlers: Indiana operates an Infant-Toddler Specialist Initiative, a professional development network of advanced infant and toddler caregivers that includes interactions with faculty from Indiana and Purdue Universities. The initiative includes distance-learning coursework and a professional development seminar offering CEUs. ■ Resource and Referral Services: Indiana's child care Web site, www.Childcarefinder.IN.gov, is a consumer education resource that averaged 17,967 visits per month in 2006. The Web site is integrated with the Lead Agency Licensing Database to provide parents with up-to-date information about providers. ■ School-Age Child Care: The Lead Agency is partnering with the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children to develop and pilot a school-age credential as a professional development tool for school-age providers. 					
Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines: <i>Foundations to the Indiana Academic Standards for Young Children from Birth to Age 5</i> is available at www.doe.state.in.us/primetime/welcome.html#1. ■ Professional Development Plans: The professional development plan is being formulated and will be aligned with the quality rating system framework. ■ Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination: The Lead Agency works in conjunction with other State agencies. 					

Iowa

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Iowa Department of Human Services Division of Child and Family Services Bureau of Child Care and Community Services Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut, 5th Floor Des Moines, IA 50319-0114 Phone: 515-281-7266 Web site: www.dhs.state.ia.us Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/13-g.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,716.00	\$3,159.00	\$1,655.00	45%	
Three	\$4,591.00	\$3,902.00	\$2,075.00	45%	
Four	\$5,465.00	\$4,645.00	\$2,496.00	46%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2007.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Iowa

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$15.50/day	\$12.00/day	\$8.19/day
Toddler	\$15.50/day	\$12.00/day	\$8.19/day
Preschool	\$12.50/day	\$11.25/day	\$7.19/day
School Age	\$11.25/day	\$10.00/day	\$7.36/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2007. Note: Rates for licensed family child care represent rates for the child development home category A&B. License-exempt rates represent those for nonregistered family child care homes. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$3.45/half-day	\$3.70/half-day	July 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** First Children's Finance continues to make loans available to Iowa's child care centers and child development homes. The Lead Agency, in partnership with others, is working to expand this opportunity to include a Business Development Center to increase the number of financially viable child care providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Iowa has infant and toddler specialists located in the five regional child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agency offices. The specialists coordinate free, community-based trainings across the State.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Iowa is expanding the number of child care home consultants through the CCR&R system to increase and retain the number of registered child development homes.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency contracts with the Iowa School Age Care Alliance to implement a provider equipment grant.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Iowa's early learning standards for infants and toddlers and preschoolers are available at www.iowa.gov/educate in the Early Childhood section.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Iowa is formulating a professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Iowa's Early Care, Health, and Education System Strategic Plan is available at www.state.ia.us/earlychildhood/docs/StrategicPlanRevisedSpring07.pdf.

Kansas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Docking State Office Building 915 SW Harrison Street Topeka, KS 66612 Toll free: 888-369-4777 Web site: www.srskansas.org/ISD/ees/child_care.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.srskansas.org/KEESM/KEESM.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families. It contracts with the Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with a private, for-profit agency to issue provider payments. All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,679.00	\$3,127.00	\$2,111.00	57%	
Three	\$4,545.00	\$3,863.00	\$2,647.00	58%	
Four	\$5,410.00	\$4,598.00	\$3,184.00	59%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Kansas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group 1 (Douglas and Johnson Counties)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$4.48/hour	\$3.12/hour	\$1.95/hour
Toddler	\$3.85/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour
Preschool	\$3.12/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour
School Age	\$2.98/hour	\$2.72/hour	\$1.63/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: February 2005. Note: Family child care home rates are for licensed/group homes. License-exempt rates are for relative home care settings. Geographic area: Rates vary by urban, near urban, and rural counties. Rates for Group 1 (Douglas and Johnson counties) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$243.00/month	\$243.00/month	May 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency supports the administrative infrastructure for the Kansas quality rating system and 22 of the participating classrooms. Additional classrooms are supported by the Kansas Children's Cabinet through Smart Start grants and the Kansas Pre-Kindergarten Pilot program.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Excellent Care for Early Learning is an effort to improve the quality and availability of infant and toddler care. Specialists help enroll providers, who receive help to identify and set improvement goals for their programs.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies offers child care information and training support to parents, providers, and communities across the State.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Lead Agency staff participated in the development of Core Competencies for Youth Development Professionals, a bi-state effort with Missouri that complements the structure of the Kansas and Missouri Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The Kansas early learning guidelines for children birth to age 5 are available at www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1741.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Kansas is revising its professional development plan. Additional information about Kansas professional development activities is available at www.kaccrra.org.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Kansas is implementing its coordination plan. The Kansas Children's Cabinet is the entity that ensures coordination occurs. Additional information is available at www.kschildrenscabinet.org.

Kentucky

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Community Based Services Division of Child Care 275 East Main Street, 3C-F Frankfort, KY 40621 Toll free: 877-316-3552 Web site: http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/922/002/160.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, assists parents in finding care, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with nongovernmental agencies. ■ Care is provided through certificates as well as grants and contracts. Grants or contracts may be made with licensed child care centers or certified family child care home providers who serve eligible families at seven sites where there is a collaborative Head Start effort for contracted services. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,261.00	\$2,772.00	\$1,712.00	52%	
Three	\$4,028.00	\$3,424.00	\$2,145.00	53%	
Four	\$4,795.00	\$4,076.00	\$2,580.00	54%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2007. <u>Note:</u> Kentucky has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 165 percent of FPIG for FY 2007. Entry-level income eligibility is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Kentucky

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Central Region			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$24.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$13.00/day
Toddler	\$24.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$13.00/day
Preschool	\$21.00/day	\$19.00/day	\$12.00/day
School Age	\$20.00/day	\$18.00/day	\$11.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: November 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for providers who are not licensed or certified but are registered to provide care for children receiving subsidies. Geographic area: Rates vary by region and urban/nonurban area. Urban rates for Central Region are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$13.50/day for first child	\$14.50/day for two or more children	November 1, 2006	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family and increases for families with two or more children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Kentucky's professional development framework includes the establishment of a renewable early care and education credential. More than 800 Kentucky trainers have been approved for this credential.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Infant and toddler technical assistance services are available for certified family providers and licensed providers participating in Kentucky's voluntary quality rating system. Technical assistance providers are required to spend 25 percent of their time working to improve the quality of infant and toddler environments.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Kentucky's child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies, Community Early Child Care Councils, Department for Community Based Services, and the Child Care Assistance Program service agents provide materials to help parents make informed child care choices. The Department for Community Based Services initiated a toll-free number to help parents contact their local CCR&R agency.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Division of Child Care and the Department of Education cooperate to promote quality after-school programs in Appalachian counties that have high rates of poverty and TANF participation.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Kentucky's early learning guidelines for children birth through age 4 are available at <http://education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Early+Childhood+Development/Building+a+Strong+Foundation+for+School+Success+Series.htm>.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Kentucky is implementing an early childhood professional development framework.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Kentucky is implementing its plan for early childhood program coordination.

Louisiana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Social Services Office of Family Support P.O. Box 94065 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9065 Phone: 225-342-0694 Web site: www.dss.state.la.us Administrative rules/policy manual: www.doa.state.la.us/osr/lac/67v01/67v01.doc			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It has contracts and agreements with other government and nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$2,863.00	\$2,434.00	\$2,147.00	75%	
Three	\$3,537.00	\$3,006.00	\$2,653.00	75%	
Four	\$4,211.00	\$3,579.00	\$3,158.00	75%	
SMI year: 2006					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Louisiana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$18.50/day	\$16.00/day	\$15.50/day
Toddler	\$18.50/day	\$16.00/day	\$15.50/day
Preschool	\$17.50/day	\$15.00/day	\$14.50/day
School Age	\$17.50/day	\$15.00/day	\$14.50/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 10, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for in-home providers certified to care for children receiving child care assistance. Family child care homes are not licensed in Louisiana. Rates provided are for family child care homes certified to care for children receiving child care assistance. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
20% of care cost	60% of care cost	60% of care cost	January 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Not applicable	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency is funding an evaluation of the State's quality rating system, focusing on environment rating scales (ERS), the mental health consultation program, and access to quality child care. An annual report will outline any impact on ERS scores, how teachers are meeting children's social-emotional needs and their satisfaction with mental health consultants, and the level of care provided to children in the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Infants and Toddlers:** A statewide training network focuses on the developmental needs and care of infants and toddlers. Excellence for Children offers the Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers and other specialized training.
- Resource and Referral Services:** A new State network was funded to coordinate the services of regional child care resource and referral agencies. The network provided training to regional agencies on several issues, including disaster preparedness and technical assistance.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Louisiana's early learning guidelines and program standards for infants and toddlers, and standards for programs serving 4-year-old children, are available at www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/1874.html.
- Professional Development Plans:** Louisiana is formulating a professional development plan. Information about the Louisiana Pathways Child Care Career Development System is available at <http://pathways.louisiana.gov>.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Louisiana is implementing its coordination plan. Information about BrightStart is available at www.dss.state.la.us/Documents/OFS/Brightstart.pdf.

Maine

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Office of Child Care and Head Start Maine Department of Human Services 11 State House Station 2 Anthony Avenue Augusta, ME 04333 Phone: 207-287-5014 Web site: www.maine.gov/dhhs/occhs/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/chaps10.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF families and contracts with voucher management agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It also contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and with the University of Southern Maine to implement quality activities. ■ A little more than half of all care is provided through contracts with 42 agencies across the State. The remaining care is provided through vouchers. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,672.34	\$3,121.49	\$2,754.26	75%	
Three	\$4,536.42	\$3,855.96	\$3,402.32	75%	
Four	\$5,400.50	\$4,590.43	\$4,050.38	75%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Maine has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 75 percent of SMI, and the exit level is set at 85 percent of SMI. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Maine

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Cumberland County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$200.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$105.00/week
Toddler	\$186.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$105.00/week
Preschool	\$167.00/week	\$135.00/week	\$95.00/week
School Age	\$140.00/week	\$125.00/week	\$88.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for legal unregulated care. Unregulated provider rates are set at 70 percent of the family child care rates. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Cumberland County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
2% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	Fee is reduced by 50% for second child and by 75% for third child; no fee for additional children	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The total amount assessed to a family for all its children shall not exceed 10 percent of the family's income.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	No	No	All relatives exempt from requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Maine's voluntary quality rating system includes operation of a statewide Technical Assistance Network. Technical assistance professionals use a collaborative consultation model to help providers improve quality of care.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** More than 180 providers completed Maine's intensive summer institute for family child care and center-based infant and toddler caregivers. Upon completion, participants received three college credits and equipment grants of \$1,000 to enhance quality. This incentive led to 300 additional infant and toddler slots.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Maine surveys parents who received resource and referral services to determine their satisfaction with referrals and learn if parents increased their knowledge about quality child care and the availability of child care subsidies.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The new AfterSchool Network provides consultation on evaluation, seeks to acquire start-up funding through grant writing, and promotes the expansion and continuation of after-school programs.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Maine's *State of Maine Early Childhood Learning Guidelines* for children ages 3 to 5 is available at www.maine.gov/dhhs/occhs/learning.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Maine Roads to Quality administers or coordinates training, trainer and provider registries, an accreditation facilitation project, and other activities. Information is available at www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/maineroads.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Maine is implementing its coordination plan. The Children's Cabinet, the Child Care Advisory Council, and the Early Childhood Task Force manage the plan.

Maryland

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Maryland State Department of Education Division of Early Childhood Development Office of Child Care 200 W. Baltimore Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201 Phone: 410-767-7128 Web site: www.marylandpublicschools.org Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dhr.state.md.us/ccca/sub/regu.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency has a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Human Resources to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,046.00	\$3,439.00	\$2,023.00	50%	
Three	\$4,998.00	\$4,249.00	\$2,499.00	50%	
Four	\$6,902.00	\$5,867.00	\$3,451.00	50%	
SMI year: 2001					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Maryland

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region BC (Baltimore City)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$177.92/week	\$124.85/week	\$62.54/week
Toddler	\$99.92/week	\$99.00/week	\$49.62/week
Preschool	\$99.92/week	\$99.00/week	\$49.62/week
School Age	\$99.92/week	\$99.00/week	\$49.62/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 1, 2002. Note: Rates provided are for traditional 3 units (30 hours or more of care per week). License-exempt represents rates for relative care, nonrelative care in the child's home, and care by other nonrelatives for fewer than 20 hours per month. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region BC (Baltimore City) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$6.23/week for child younger than age 2; \$4.85/week for child age 2 or older	\$63.23/week for child younger than age 2; \$49.62/week for child age 2 or older	For the second and third child, \$50.54/week for child younger than age 2; \$39.69/week for child age 2 or older	January 1, 2002	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child and is discounted for additional children. The parental fee presented is for traditional 3 units (30 hours or more of care per week). Fees vary by region. Fees for region BC (Baltimore City) are presented.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** Maryland's Family Provider Grant program reimburses newly registered family child care providers for costs incurred in meeting regulatory requirements.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency funds initiatives for children birth to 3 that provide support to family child care homes and centers to increase the availability of quality licensed infant and toddler placements in targeted underserved areas. In 2006, 56 new placements were developed.
- Resource and Referral Services:** The State continues to fund the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. The network is made up of a statewide coordinating entity and 12 regional centers throughout the State.
- School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency contracts with a nonprofit organization to train providers operating before- and after-school programs for school-age children. The contract covers the development and provision of training and mentoring services for 2,160 providers over a 2-year period, in accordance with the Core of Knowledge Curriculum approved by the Credentialing Branch.

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- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Guidelines for Healthy Child Development and Care for Young Children (Birth–Three Years of Age)* is available at www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/divisions/child_care/guidelines.
- Professional Development Plans:** The Strategic Plan for the Division of Early Childhood Development includes professional development objectives and action steps to be achieved in the next 3 years.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Maryland is implementing its coordination plan. The Sub-Cabinet for Children, Youth and Families coordinates early childhood programs and services statewide.

Massachusetts

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Early Education and Care 51 Sleeper Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02210 Phone: 617-988-6600 Web site: www.eec.state.ma.us Administrative rules/policy manual: www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/sub_cc_regs.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance to determine eligibility for TANF families. It contracts with nongovernmental agencies, such as child care resource and referral agencies, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families and help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to issue provider payments and implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through vouchers, contracts, and state-funded preschool direct service grants, which are managed locally by community councils or contracted providers. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,841.00	\$4,114.00	\$2,420.00	50%	
Three	\$5,979.00	\$5,083.00	\$2,990.00	50%	
Four	\$7,118.00	\$6,051.00	\$3,559.00	50%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Massachusetts has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 50 percent of SMI, and the exit level is set at 80 percent of SMI. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Massachusetts

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region 6 (Boston) Tier 1

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$52.20/day	\$29.65/day	\$2.00/hour
Toddler	\$46.20/day	\$29.65/day	\$2.00/hour
Preschool	\$34.80/day	\$26.10/day	\$2.00/hour
School Age	\$26.10/day	\$15.00/day	\$15.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2006. Note: The Lead Agency has a separate schedule for school-age rates. License-exempt rates are for unlicensed care. Geographic area: Rates vary by region and tier level. Region 6 (Boston) Tier 1 rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/day	\$16.50/day	A discounted fee is assessed for each additional child	July 1, 2006	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Massachusetts Provider Information Technology Readiness Project offered computers, business software, printers, Internet access, and basic computer training to child care providers. These packages were given to nearly 2,500 early and school-age care providers serving subsidized children across the State.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Massachusetts Parent Child Home Program offers grants to 26 communities to provide biweekly literacy activities and coaching to at-risk families with toddlers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency contracts with 14 local child care resource and referral agencies across the State to offer information to parents, providers, and the community. The Massachusetts Child Care Resource and Referral Network has a strategic plan to ensure coordination of these agencies.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency and the Department of Education have worked together to design and award a new state-funded grant program for improving quality in both public school operated/based and community-based after-school programs.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Early Childhood Program Standards for Three and Four Year Olds* and *Guidelines for Preschool Learning Experiences* are available at www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/TAEarlyChildhoodProgramStandards.pdf and www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/TAGuidelinesForPreschoolLearningExperiences.pdf, respectively.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Lead Agency helped develop a statewide plan that includes a career lattice, a credentialing system, core competencies, and an evaluation system. Information is available at www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/2007WorkforceReport%206.6.07.pdf.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency is reorganizing its structure to maximize coordination among regional and central offices and various programs.

Michigan

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Human Services 235 S. Grand Avenue P.O. Box 30037 Lansing, MI 48909 Toll free: 800-444-5364 Web site: www.michigan.gov/childcare Administrative rules/policy manual: www.state.mi.us/orr/emi/admincode.asp?AdminCode=Single&Admin_Num=40005001&Dpt=FI&RngHigh			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with the Early Childhood Investment Corporation to help parents find care and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also has interagency agreements with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Community Health to implement some quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,054.00	\$3,446.00	\$1,607.00	40%	
Three	\$5,008.00	\$4,257.00	\$1,990.00	40%	
Four	\$5,962.00	\$5,068.00	\$2,367.00	40%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Michigan

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Shelter Area IV (Including Detroit)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$2.85/hour	\$2.00/hour	\$1.88/hour
Toddler	\$2.85/hour	\$2.00/hour	\$1.88/hour
Preschool	\$2.25/hour	\$2.00/hour	\$1.88/hour
School Age	\$2.25/hour	\$2.00/hour	\$1.88/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: January 12, 1997 (for child care centers, family and group homes, and day care aides); October 8, 2000 (for the Infant/Toddler Incentive for infant and toddler care in centers and family and group homes); and December 28, 2002 (for relative care provider rate change). Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for relative care. The rate structure includes a separate rate for care in the child's home. Geographic area: Rates vary by shelter areas, which include multiple counties. Rates for Shelter Area IV (including Detroit) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
5% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	February 1, 2003	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	No	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Child Care Expulsion Prevention Program projects provide early childhood mental health consultation for parents and providers caring for young children who are experiencing social-emotional behavioral challenges that put them at risk for expulsion from child care.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** An infant and toddler incentive was approved for child care centers and family and group homes caring for children younger than 30 months. Relative care providers and aides are also eligible for incentives once they complete at least 16 hours of child care training.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Michigan 4C Association, Child Care Connections/Northwest Michigan, and the Child Care Coordinating Council of Detroit/Wayne County, Inc., provide resource and referral services.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Through an interagency agreement with the Department of Education, the Lead Agency supports the work of the Michigan After School Partnership, which provides statewide leadership to build and sustain high-quality, out-of-school time programs and resources.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs, Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten, and Model Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs in Michigan* are available at www.michigan.gov/mde.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Michigan's professional development workgroup is preparing its plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Early Childhood Investment Corporation is responsible for coordination across early childhood programs. Information is available at www.ecic4kids.org.

Minnesota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Minnesota Department of Human Services P.O. Box 64962 St. Paul, MN 55164-0962 Toll free: 651-431-4000 Web site: www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/DH_S_id_000151.hcsp Administrative rules/policy manual: http://mec2home.dhs.state.mn.us/ccapmanual.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of human services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It also contracts with nongovernmental agencies, including child care resource and referral agencies, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,386.00	\$3,728.00	\$2,852.00	46%	
Three	\$5,418.00	\$2,504.00	\$3,577.00	46%	
Four	\$6,450.00	\$5,482.00	\$4,302.00	47%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Minnesota has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 250 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Minnesota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Hennepin County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$266.40/week	\$167.17/week	\$2.67/hour
Toddler	\$218.94/week	\$160.17/week	\$2.57/hour
Preschool	\$198.45/week	\$145.60/week	\$2.33/hour
School Age	\$190.91/week	\$134.82/week	\$2.16/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for legal nonlicensed providers. Legal nonlicensed providers are paid on an hourly basis at 80 percent of the maximum rate for licensed family child care providers. Geographic area: Rates vary by regional groups of counties. Rates for Hennepin County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/month	\$622.00/month	\$622.00/month	July 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency developed a resource guide for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers who are refugees or immigrants. The guide will be available in English and Spanish and nine other languages.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency will continue to work with its resource and referral network to deliver the Infant/Toddler Training Intensive Project based on WestEd's Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers. The Lead Agency is also planning to enhance trainings for specific cultural communities.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** For the past 4 years, Minnesota has used a system called Balanced Scorecard to assess its child care resource and referral services. This system links objectives, measures, targets, and initiatives that collectively describe the achievement of organizational goals.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Youth Community Connections joined with the University of Minnesota to sponsor the Minnesota Commission on Out-of-School Time. The commission's report, *Journeys into Community: Transforming Youth Opportunities for Learning and Development*, provides an action plan for the next few years. Community dialogues were held around the State to generate input about supporting quality providers working with children ages 10–18 during after-school hours.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Early learning guidelines for children birth to age 3 and 3 to 5 are available at <http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Legacy/DHS-4438-ENG> and <http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Legacy/DHS-4576-ENG>, respectively.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Minnesota's professional development plan is being formulated.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Minnesota is implementing its coordination plan. Multiple State agencies have joint responsibility to coordinate.

Mississippi

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Mississippi Department of Human Services Office for Children and Youth 750 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202 Toll free: 800-877-7882 or 601-359-4544 Web site: www.mdhs.state.ms.us/ocy.html Administrative rules/policy manual: www.mdhs.state.ms.us/ocy_ccmanual.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with other government agencies to determine eligibility for TANF families and with nongovernmental agencies, including planning and development districts, to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, help parents find care, and issue provider payments. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. Approximately 97 percent of care is provided through certificates. The remaining care is provided through subgrants with various entities. Subgrantees can only place children in slots if parents do not have certificates. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$2,745.00	\$2,333.00	Not applicable		85%
Three	\$3,432.00	\$2,917.00	Not applicable		85%
Four	\$4,020.00	\$3,417.00	Not applicable		85%
SMI year: 2004					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Mississippi

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$78.28/week	\$56.65/week	\$45.32/week
Toddler	\$75.19/week	\$54.59/week	\$43.26/week
Preschool	\$72.10/week	\$51.50/week	\$41.20/week
School Age	\$71.07/week	\$50.47/week	\$40.17/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for license-exempt family child care providers and in-home care (Tier 3 rates). Licensed family child care rates and center rates represent rates for Tier 2 providers. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$10.00/month	\$212.00/month	Family fee increases by \$10 per month for the second child	October 1, 2004	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** Mississippi State University, Cooperative Extension Services provides training and technical assistance to 140 unlicensed family home providers. The goals include increasing the quality of care, as measured by the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale, the Caregiver Interaction Scale, the Preschool Language Scale, and the Bracken Basic Concept Scale.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency spends all its infant and toddler targeted funds on the Child Care Certificate Program to allow parents maximum flexibility in choosing providers who meet their individual family needs.
- Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency's designated agents operate resource and referral programs through toll-free telephone services for the counties in their specified areas.
- School-Age Child Care:** Mississippi spends all its school-age targeted funds on before- and after-school certificates for full-time care during the summer.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Mississippi's Early Learning Guidelines for 3 and 4 Year Olds* is available at www.mde.k12.ms.us/ACAD/ID/Curriculum/LAER/earlylearning.html.
- Professional Development Plans:** Mississippi is revising its professional development plan.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency and the Mississippi Department of Education are responsible for ensuring coordination in the development of the Mississippi Child Care Quality Step System and the early learning guidelines for 4-year-olds.

Missouri

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Social Services Children's Division 615 Howerton Court P.O. Box 88 Jefferson City, MO 65103 Phone: 573-751-6793 Web site: www.dss.mo.gov/cd Administrative rules/policy manual: www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/13csr/13c40-32.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It has a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to implement quality activities. It also has contracts with other nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with the Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network to help parents find care. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,618.00	\$3,075.00	\$1,485.00	41%	
Three	\$4,469.00	\$3,799.00	\$1,836.00	41%	
Four	\$5,320.00	\$4,522.00	\$2,186.00	41%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Missouri

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis City, and St. Louis Counties

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$27.04/day	\$15.75/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$27.04/day	\$15.75/day	\$15.00/day
Preschool	\$16.07/day	\$13.65/day	\$13.00/day
School Age	\$15.75/day	\$12.60/day	\$12.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: March 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent those for license-exempt family child care homes (family, friend, and neighbor care). Geographic area: Rates vary by metro, sub-metro, and the rest of the State. Rates for metro area (Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis City, and St. Louis counties) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$1.00/year	\$5.00/day	\$10.00/day for 2 children	July 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency provides direct consultation and home visitation through the Educare program, which offers resources, technical assistance, and training opportunities for free or reduced costs to child care providers, with an emphasis on family home providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency increases reimbursement rates for providers caring for infants and toddlers, which helped foster higher quality care by lowering staff-child ratios.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network is creating a business development center and a revolving loan fund, First Children's Finance—Missouri. Staff received the Developing Your Family Child Care Business training and are seeking funds to expand this training to home providers and centers.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Through a memorandum of agreement with the Lead Agency, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education provides funding for an After School Resource Center and grants to public school districts to enhance before- and after-school programs.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Missouri's early learning guidelines are available at http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/fedprog/earlychild/PreK_Standards/Index.html.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Missouri is implementing its plan for professional development. Additional information is available at <http://moccrrn.org> and www.openinitiative.org.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Early Childhood Coordinating Board is charged with coordinating all early childhood programs in the development and implementation of an Early Childhood Comprehensive System.

Montana

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services P.O. Box 202925 Helena, MT 59620-2925 Toll free: 866-239-0458 Web site: www.childcare.mt.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ecsbmanual/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and help parents find care. Quality activities are implemented by a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,153.00	\$2,680.00	\$1,711.00	54%	
Three	\$3,895.00	\$3,311.00	\$2,146.00	55%	
Four	\$4,637.00	\$3,941.00	\$2,581.00	56%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Montana

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Billings District

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$29.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$18.80/day
Toddler	\$29.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$18.80/day
Preschool	\$25.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$15.80/day
School Age	\$25.00/day	\$21.00/day	\$15.80/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for legally unregistered providers. The rate structure has a separate rate for group family child care homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by resource and referral district. Rate for Billings District are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$10 or 1% of gross monthly income	\$300 or 14% of gross monthly income	\$300 or 14% of gross monthly income	August 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Mentor Program matches experienced caregiver mentors with novice caregiver protégés to provide practical support. A protégé journal currently being developed will help mentors use existing Montana systems, including the Montana Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program and early learning guidelines.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Montana administers the Certified Infant Toddler Stipend Program to help reduce staff turnover. Participants must be active members of the Early Care and Education Practitioner Registry and maintain continuous employment with the same licensed or registered facility for at least 18 months.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency contracts with the Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network (MCCR&R) to enhance statewide services offered by the 12 community-based child care resource and referral agencies. The network is working to improve school-age care service delivery.
- **School-Age Child Care:** In FFY 2007, the Lead Agency awarded a contract for school-age coordination to MCCR&R. A current focus for this contract is bridging licensed and nonlicensed after-school programs.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Montana's early learning guidelines are available at www.montana.edu/ecp/pdfs/MTEarlyLearningGuidelines.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Early Childhood Project at Montana State University-Bozeman coordinates and manages career development with a variety of strong statewide partnerships. Additional information about Montana's professional development activities is available at www.montana.edu/wwwecp.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Montana is implementing its plan. The governor's appointed State team and the Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council are responsible for ensuring coordination.

Nebraska

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services Economic Assistance & Child Support Enforcement Unit P.O. Box 95044 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor Lincoln, NE 68509 Toll free: 800-430-3244 Web site: www.hhs.state.ne.us/chc/chcindex.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/regs.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency has a memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Department of Education to implement a number of quality activities and provide resource and referral services. All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,650.00	\$3,103.00	\$1,369.00	38%	
Three	\$4,509.00	\$3,833.00	\$1,717.00	38%	
Four	\$5,368.00	\$4,563.00	\$2,065.00	38%	
SMI year: 2007. <u>Note:</u> Nebraska has two separate sets of income eligibility limits: one for families transitioning off and the other for families not transitioning off TANF. Eligibility income limits for families not transitioning off TANF are presented.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Nebraska

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Dakota, Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy Counties

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$34.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$28.75/day	\$22.00/day	\$15.00/day
Preschool	\$28.75/day	\$22.00/day	\$15.00/day
School Age	\$28.75/day	\$22.00/day	\$15.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for license-exempt family child care homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by group of counties; for accredited care, rates are statewide. Center and family child care rates for unaccredited care in Dakota, Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties are presented. License-exempt rates for Douglas and Sarpy counties are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/month	\$78.00/month	\$156.00/month	July 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family and increases with each additional child in care up to a maximum of seven children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Nebraska's Child Care License Exempt Providers Grant helps legally exempt providers purchase items needed to operate approved child care homes.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** First Connections is a training project targeted to infant and toddler providers in rural and remote areas, utilizing technology to enhance their skills. The project is a collaborative effort of the Nebraska Department of Education, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, and the Health and Human Services System.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Nebraska's ChildLine answers questions related to early and school-age care from professionals, families, and the general public. Recently, ChildLine's scope broadened to include a centralized, statewide hotline for families seeking care by merging information from several databases and offering technical assistance to callers for navigating Web-based resources.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Technical assistance will be provided by the Nebraska Department of Education and the Early Childhood Training Center to establish a strong network of school-age care providers. The training center will continue to provide resources and technical assistance for school-age care professional development.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The early learning guidelines for children birth to 3 and 3 to 5 years are available in English and Spanish at www.nde.state.ne.us/ech/ELGuidelines/ELG.htm.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Nebraska Framework for Professional Development is currently under review. Information is available at http://ectc.nde.ne.gov/policy_prof/policy_and_career.htm.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Nebraska is implementing its coordination plan. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education are responsible for coordination.

Nevada

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care and Development Unit 1470 College Parkway Carson City, NV 89706 Toll free: 888-387-0090 (Southern Nevada) and 800-753-5500 (Northern Nevada) Web site: http://welfare.state.nv.us/childcare.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.welfare.state.nv.us/child_care/ccm.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency has interagency agreements with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the University of Nevada Las Vegas, to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with nongovernmental agencies to issue provider payments. ■ Approximately 75 percent of care is provided through certificates, and 25 percent through contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,501.00	\$2,976.00	\$2,626.00	75%	
Three	\$4,324.00	\$3,675.00	\$3,243.00	75%	
Four	\$5,148.00	\$4,376.00	\$3,861.00	75%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Nevada

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Clark County					
Age	Licensed		License Exempt		
	Center	Family Child Care			
Infant	\$31.00/day	\$30.00/day	\$23.00/day		
Toddler	\$28.00/day	\$27.00/day	\$20.00/day		
Preschool	\$23.00/day	\$26.00/day	\$19.00/day		
School Age	\$19.00/day	\$23.00/day	\$18.00/day		
<p>For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. <u>Effective date of payment rates</u>: November 1, 2004. <u>Note</u>: License-exempt rates represent rates for informal care. The rate structure also includes licensed group homes and before- and after-school unlicensed care center rates. <u>Geographic area</u>: Rates vary by county and groups of rural counties. Rates for Clark County are presented.</p>					
Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
5% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes
<p>For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. <u>Note</u>: Parental fee is per child.</p>					
HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS					
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives	
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements	
SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: Indicators have been developed to assess the Lead Agency's quality activities and programs. Sample indicators include the number of trainings provided, number of initial child care licenses and renewals, number of Part C eligible children placed in child care, number of centers or home-based providers achieving accreditation, number of scholarships granted, and increases in literacy skills. ■ Infants and Toddlers: Nevada Early Intervention Services provides speech consultation, screenings, assessments, trainings, and transition services to parents, child care centers, Early Head Start centers, and others caring for infants and toddlers with developmental delays. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The University of Nevada at Las Vegas provides child care resource and referral services to parents, providers, and communities. ■ School-Age Child Care: The City of Reno Parks and Recreation program operates inclusive after-school child care settings and receives funding to provide behavior management assistance and staff training on issues related to children with special needs. 					
Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines: Nevada's prekindergarten standards are available at http://welfare.state.nv.us/child_care/earlycare.htm. Nevada is planning standards for children birth to age 3. ■ Professional Development Plans: Nevada is implementing its professional development plan, which includes a link to the prekindergarten standards through the core competencies. ■ Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination: Nevada is planning for coordination. The Child Care Advisory Council is responsible for ensuring coordination among agencies, programs, and other entities. 					

New Hampshire

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Division for Children, Youth and Families Child Development Bureau 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 Toll free: 800-852-3345, ext. 4242 Web site: www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDB/default.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dhhs.state.nh.us/FAM_HTM/NEWFAM.HTM			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments. It contracts with child care centers to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care, and with several nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through certificates and contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,609.00	\$3,918.00	\$2,168.00	47%	
Three	\$5,882.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,719.00	46%	
Four	\$6,794.00	\$5,774.00	\$3,270.00	48%	
SMI year: 2006					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

New Hampshire

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$149.00/week	\$149.00/week	\$128.00/week
Toddler	\$149.00/week	\$149.00/week	\$128.00/week
Preschool	\$131.00/week	\$131.00/week	\$110.50/week
School Age	\$131.00/week	\$131.00/week	\$110.50/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2008. Note: The rate structure does not provide a separate rate for licensed centers and family child care homes. License-exempt rates are for family, friend, and neighbor care. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/week	\$49.50/week	\$49.50/week	July 1, 2008	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** New Hampshire is working with the Head Start State Collaboration Administrator, the Department of Education Preschool Special Education Office, and the Preschool Technical Assistance Network to develop a document that will provide child care and preschool special education programs with guidance for working together to benefit young children with special needs and their families.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Each year since 2000, an average of 30 center directors and lead infant and toddler teachers from licensed child care centers and family child care programs have attended an infant and toddler graduate seminar. Applicants agree to increase their capacity and/or enhance the quality of their program and receive equipment grants to improve their environments upon completion of the course.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Ten community-based agencies have been chosen to provide services in their communities: consumer education about the availability of care; assistance with parent/provider issues; technical assistance to existing providers; recruitment of new providers; and maintenance of a child care database.
- **School-Age Child Care:** A school-age child care coordinator monitors the school-age child care contract and helps the agency maintain contract compliance. The coordinator also works closely with child care resource and referral agencies to identify and meet needs for after-school care.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Early learning guidelines for children birth to age 5 are available at www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/CDB/LIBRARY/Policy-Guideline/learning-guidelines.htm.
- **Professional Development Plans:** *Early Childhood Professional Development System: Guide to Early Childhood Careers* is available at www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/CDB/LIBRARY/Training+Material/ece-guide.htm.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** New Hampshire is developing its coordination plan. The Child Care Advisory Council has increased the participation of representatives from different sectors.

New Jersey

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Family Development 6 Quakerbridge Plaza P.O. Box 716 Trenton, NJ 08625-0716 Toll free: 800-332-9227 Web site: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/chldca.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with 16 child care resource and referral agencies, 14 of which are nonprofit community-based agencies and 2 are units of local government. These agencies determine eligibility for non-TANF families, assist parents in finding care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. The Lead Agency also contracts with county welfare agencies to determine eligibility for TANF families. ■ The majority of care is provided through certificates, with center-based contract child care representing 16 percent of the State's funded capacity and 3 percent of the allocated funds. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$5,145.00	\$4,373.00	\$2,282.00	44%	
Three	\$6,318.00	\$5,370.00	\$2,862.00	45%	
Four	\$7,522.00	\$6,394.00	\$3,442.00	46%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> New Jersey has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 250 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

New Jersey

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$156.00/week	\$123.20/week	\$74.20/week
Toddler	\$156.00/week	\$123.20/week	\$74.20/week
Preschool	\$128.60/week	\$96.80/week	\$58.00/week
School Age	\$128.60/week	\$96.80/week	\$58.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent those for approved home kith and kin providers. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$3.70/week	\$48.30/week	A 25% discount on the assessed fee is applied for additional children	July 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Bright Beginnings Child Care Facilities Loan Fund provides low-interest loans to child care programs, which can use the funds to finance and/or guarantee low-interest, short-, and long-term loans to cover renovation and expansion costs for new or existing licensed child care centers.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The First Steps Infant/Toddler Development Initiative is a statewide infant and toddler training and technical assistance system for child care providers serving children birth to 3. Consultants conduct site visits to infant and toddler centers and family child care providers to observe and provide consultation.
- Resource and Referral Services:** The Child Care Warm Line is a statewide health information and referral service that helps promote young children's healthy development. The toll-free line is available to child care center staff and family child care providers who have health-related questions or problems. Registered nurses receive the calls, respond, and/or refer requesters to community resources as appropriate.
- School-Age Child Care:** A State-Wide Collaboration for Program Enhancement improves the ability of after-school programs to collaborate through the provision of activities/services for school-age children during nonschool hours, many of which are community and school district collaborations.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Preschool Teaching & Learning Expectations: Standards of Quality* is available at www.state.nj.us/njded/ece/code/expectations.
- Professional Development Plans:** Professional Impact NJ provides quality teacher preparation and continuing professional education opportunities. Information is available at www.njpsc.org.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** New Jersey's Supreme Court has mandated that children in New Jersey's Abbott districts receive a high-quality preschool education beginning at age 3, and the Lead Agency coordinates wraparound services for these children. Information is available at www.nj.gov/education/abbotts/about.

New Mexico

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department P.O. Drawer 5160 Santa Fe, NM 87502 Toll free: 800-832-1321 Web site: www.newmexicokids.org Administrative rules/policy manual: www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title08/08.015.0002.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,106.67	\$2,640.67	\$1,882.38	61%	
Three	\$3,495.00	\$2,970.75	\$2,360.88	68%	
Four	\$3,883.33	\$3,300.83	\$2,839.39	73%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2007. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Estimated Median Family Incomes for FY 2007.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

New Mexico

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Metro Areas			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$467.84/month	\$365.20/month	\$278.74/month
Toddler	\$417.19/month	\$325.08/month	\$264.00/month
Preschool	\$368.48/month	\$324.17/month	\$242.00/month
School Age	\$337.11/month	\$319.28/month	\$242.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: August 15, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for registered homes and in-home care. Geographic area: Rates vary by metro and rural areas. Metro rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/month	\$161.00/month	The fee for each additional child is reduced by 50%	April 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: AIM High, the quality improvement program for child care providers, encourages providers to work toward program accreditation. Specific individualized technical assistance is provided along with financial incentives for program improvement. ■ Infants and Toddlers: Accredited programs participating in AIM High are paid an additional \$120 per month per child, with the expected results of encouraging and supporting the expansion of quality child care services for infants and toddlers. ■ Resource and Referral Services: New Mexico Kids child care resource and referral system maintains a statewide database of child care providers who are licensed or registered by the State. Child care providers can choose whether to include their contact information. ■ School-Age Child Care: School-age care providers receive higher reimbursement rates because of an increased training requirement and growth in parental need for this type of care. It is expected that there will be an increase in provider capacity for serving school-age children.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** New Mexico's early learning guidelines for 4- and 5-year-olds are available at www.newmexicoprek.org/index.cfm?event=public.prek.Materials. The State is developing guidelines for 3-year-olds.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The New Mexico Career Lattice is the State's professional development plan. Information about professional development activities is available at www.newmexicokids.org/caregivers/.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** A plan for coordination across early childhood programs is in the developmental stage.

New York

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Office of Children and Family Services Division of Child Care Services 52 Washington Street Rensselaer, NY 12144 Toll free: 800-345-KIDS (5437) Web site: http://ocfs.state.ny.us/main/beecs/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/beecs/stateplan/ATTACHMENT%203-1-1B%20Appendix%20to%20Child%20Care%20Subsidy%20Manual.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with local departments of social services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with local departments of social services and child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency also has contracts and agreements with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. Approximately 80 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 20 percent is provided through grants or contracts. Districts and subgrantees have contracts with centers, family child care homes, school-age programs, and other facilities. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,845.00	\$3,268.00	\$2,282.00	59%	
Three	\$4,750.00	\$4,037.00	\$2,862.00	60%	
Four	\$5,655.00	\$4,807.00	\$3,442.00	61%	
SMI year: 2007					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it permits local districts to establish waiting lists.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

New York

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group E Counties (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond)			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$370.00/week	\$160.00/week	\$104.00/week
Toddler	\$255.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$98.00/week
Preschool	\$224.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$98.00/week
School Age	\$185.00/week	\$141.00/week	\$92.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure includes a separate rate for group family child care homes and for family child care homes. Rates for family child care homes are presented. License-exempt rates represent those for license-exempt family and in-home child care. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of counties. Rates for Group E counties (Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
25.5% of family income	25.5% of family income	25.5% of family income	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The sliding fee scale varies by locality and each local social services district. New York City's sliding fee scale is presented. New York City places a cap on family share at 10 percent of the family's gross income.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: The Lead Agency contracts with community-based agencies to enroll legally exempt providers who care for subsidized children. The agencies conduct background checks and annual inspections of 20 percent of legally exempt family providers not participating in the Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program. ■ Infants and Toddlers: The Lead Agency continues to offer grants to help child care centers and family child care programs serving infants and toddlers become accredited. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The Lead Agency continues its Think About Child Care parent education campaign. Materials are available in both English and Spanish and include a brochure and checklist for selecting child care services, a public service announcement that refers parents to a toll-free information number, and a video highlighting the experiences of five families. ■ School-Age Child Care: The Lead Agency promotes the development of competent staff and quality school-age programs through its support of the New York State School Age Credential and school-age program accreditation.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** New York is developing its early learning guidelines.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Day Care Training Advisory Committee, coordinated by the State University of New York, meets quarterly to identify training needs and strategies.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** New York is developing its coordination plan.

North Carolina

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development 2201 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2201 Phone: 919-662-4543 Web site: http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/parents/pr_sn2_ov_fa.asp Administrative rules/policy manual: http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dcd/ccs/man/index.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of social services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It also contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,300.00	\$2,805.00	\$2,475.00	75%	
Three	\$4,076.00	\$3,465.00	\$3,057.00	75%	
Four	\$4,852.00	\$4,124.00	\$3,639.00	75%	
SMI year: 2005					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; local purchasing agencies must maintain them if conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

North Carolina

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – One-Star Centers in Mecklenburg County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$536.00/month	\$446.00/month	\$223.00/month
Toddler	\$490.00/month	\$423.00/month	\$212.00/month
Preschool	\$477.00/month	\$404.00/month	\$202.00/month
School Age	\$423.00/month	\$404.00/month	\$202.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2006. Note: License-exempt rates represent those for nonlicensed family home providers. Geographic area: Rates vary by county and tiered quality level. Rates for one-star centers in Mecklenburg County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
10% of income	10% of income	10% of income	August 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. Fee is assessed for the child with the most number of hours in care.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	Yes	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** In 2005, the State strengthened its quality rating system by focusing on only two parts of the system—education and program standards. The previous component of compliance with licensing regulations is still a baseline requirement of licensing. The NC Rated License Transition Grants Project offers funds to help eligible child care centers and family child care homes maintain or increase points during the transition.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** North Carolina's Infant-Toddler Enhancement Project employs infant-toddler specialists who offer technical assistance, provide information about the infant environment rating scale, gather data to identify ongoing needs, distribute educational materials, and oversee infant-toddler improvement grants.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency contracts with three child care resource and referral council agencies to provide services in 18 regions that cover all 100 counties in North Carolina.
- **School-Age Child Care:** School age specialists support providers in improving the quality and accessibility of school-age care in 18 regions across the State.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Foundations: Early Learning Standards for North Carolina Preschoolers and Strategies for Guiding Their Success* is available at www.ncpublicschools.org/success/downloads/foundations.pdf. The State is developing early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers.
- **Professional Development Plans:** *Planning for Professional Development in Child Care: A Guide to Best Practices and Resources* and related information are available at www.ncchildcare.org.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Early Childhood Governance Work Group is responsible for ensuring coordination among programs that serve children and their families.

North Dakota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
North Dakota Department of Human Services Children and Family Services Division 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325 Bismarck, ND 58505-0250 Toll free: 800-245-3736 Web site: www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childcare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.state.nd.us/robo/projects/childcare/childcare.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of social services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issue provider payments. It contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,396.00	\$2,887.00	\$1,994.00	59%	
Three	\$4,196.00	\$3,567.00	\$2,463.00	59%	
Four	\$4,994.00	\$4,245.00	\$2,933.00	59%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

North Dakota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$115.00/week	\$110.00/week	\$110.00/week
Toddler	\$110.00/week	\$100.00/week	\$93.00/week
Preschool	\$105.00/week	\$98.00/week	\$92.00/week
School Age	\$100.00/week	\$95.00/week	\$90.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: April 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for self-certified/registered providers. The rate structure includes a separate rate for approved relative providers. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
20% of payment rate up to \$42/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365/month	October 1, 2003	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The parental fee is determined as a percentage of the payment rate. There is also a family cap payment. The family pays the lower of the two amounts.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives exempt from requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** CCR&R agencies coordinate a variety of training classes, workshops, and conferences for child care providers, educators, parents, and foster care providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** In 2006, 19 trainers provided 437 hours of the Program for Infant and Toddler Caregivers, which was attended by 1,777 of North Dakota's caregivers. This effort included planning and coordination of community and customized training workshops for all types of caregivers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The State's CCR&R agencies conduct consumer satisfaction surveys to assess whether families are finding child care and if CCR&R services are helpful. The Lead Agency receives quarterly activity reports and an annual report on the state of child care in North Dakota.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The State's CCR&R agencies conducted training for school-age care providers: Jump Start basic training and Keys to Quality for School Age Care.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** North Dakota will draft guidelines for children ages 3 through 5, then guidelines for children from birth through age 3.
- **Professional Development Plans:** North Dakota is implementing its early childhood professional development plan. *Growing Futures: North Dakota Early Childhood Professional Development* is available at www.ndaeyc.org/docs/GrowingFutures706.pdf.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** North Dakota has developed a coordination plan, which is carried out by the Steering Committee of the Healthy North Dakota Early Childhood Alliance.

Ohio

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 50 W. Town Street, 6th Floor Columbus, OH 43215 Phone: 614-466-1213 Web site: http://jfs.ohio.gov/families/child_care/index.stm Administrative rules/policy manual: http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/providers.stm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of jobs and family services to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and with county departments and auditor offices to issue provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with county departments and child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. The Lead Agency contracts with county departments of jobs and family services to implement some quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,782.00	\$3,214.00	\$2,111.00	56%	
Three	\$4,671.00	\$3,971.00	\$2,647.00	57%	
Four	\$5,561.00	\$4,727.00	\$3,184.00	57%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Ohio has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 250 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					No
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Ohio

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Large Metropolitan Areas

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$186.70/week	\$186.70/week	\$86.56/week
Toddler	\$169.74/week	\$169.74/week	\$81.14/week
Preschool	\$148.55/week	\$148.55/week	\$78.40/week
School Age	\$107.55/week	\$107.55/week	\$69.04/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: May 1, 2007. Note: Family child care rates are for Type A (group family home) providers. License-exempt rates are for certified limited parent/provider inspected care. The rate structure includes additional rates for unlicensed providers who are certified to provide child care for children receiving subsidies. Geographic area: Rates vary by groups of counties classified as large and mid-size and rural areas. Rates for large metropolitan areas are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$1.00/month	\$232.00/month	\$232.00/month	February 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency licenses approximately 4,100 Head Start centers, child care centers, and family child care homes. These programs are inspected at least twice a year by licensing specialists. The specialists use computers during monitoring visits to expedite the monitoring/reporting process.
- Infants and Toddlers:** Ohio supports infant and toddler, literacy, health, and school-age specialists who provide training and technical assistance across the State.
- Resource and Referral Services:** A primary function of Ohio's Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agency is to support community involvement in improving the early and school-age care system. Community members serve on CCR&R boards, and CCR&R personnel are involved in more than 2,000 memberships with community organizations that help provide early and school-age care services planning and policymaking.
- School-Age Child Care:** School-age care settings are being assessed using the School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale, which will help increase these providers' participation in the State quality rating system.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Ohio's Infant & Toddler Guidelines* and the *Early Learning Content Standards* are available at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/InfantToddler.pdf> and www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/DocumentManagement/DocumentDownload.aspx?DocumentID=24093, respectively.
- Professional Development Plans:** Information about Ohio's professional development efforts is available at www.ohpdnetwork.org/.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency coordinates with several government and nongovernmental agencies to implement early learning initiatives and other school readiness activities.

Oklahoma

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Oklahoma Department of Human Services P.O. Box 25352 Oklahoma City, OK 73125 Toll free: 866-411-1877 Web site: www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.okdhs.org/library/policy/oac340/040/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,011.00	\$2,560.00	\$2,425.00	81%	
Three	\$3,720.00	\$3,162.00	\$2,925.00	79%	
Four	\$4,428.00	\$3,764.00	\$3,625.00	82%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Oklahoma

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Canadian, Cleveland, Kay, Oklahoma, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington Counties

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$15.00/day	\$14.00/day	\$12.60/day
Toddler	\$15.00/day	\$14.00/day	\$12.60/day
Preschool	\$13.00/day	\$12.00/day	\$10.80/day
School Age	\$11.00/day	\$10.80/day	\$9.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: There are two separate rates for school-age care (49 to 72 months and 73 months to 13 years). Rates for age range 73 months to 13 years are presented. License-exempt rates are for in-home providers and are set at 90 percent of the rate for one-star child care homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by geographic area and quality level. Five-day weekly rates paid on a monthly basis for one-star metro area (Canadian, Cleveland, Kay, Oklahoma, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties) centers are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/month	\$189.00/month	\$263.00/month for 2 children	July 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family and increases depending on the number of children in care.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Child Care Services Licensing Unit oversees the statewide licensing program, involving 107 licensing representatives monitoring 1,817 child care centers and 3,716 family child care homes a minimum of three times a year.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency supports trained consultants through the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development to assess settings for infant and toddlers using environmental rating scales.
- Resource and Referral Services:** During FY 2006, the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Agency and its member agencies responded to 8,848 referral calls from parents seeking child care and used a Hispanic outreach specialist to serve Spanish-speaking families and providers.
- School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency supports the provision of National Institute on Out-of-School Time's Quality Adviser Training. A team of advisors are trained to provide ongoing consultation and technical assistance to school-age programs, including identifying developmental stages of programs, preparing for site visits, conducting observations, providing assistance, and coaching and mentoring staff.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Oklahoma's early learning guidelines for children 3 to 5 years are available at www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/spinit/.
- Professional Development Plans:** Oklahoma is revising its plan. Additional information about professional development activities is available at www.cecpd.org.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency works in conjunction with other State agencies to further collaboration efforts.

Oregon

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Employment Department Child Care Division P.O. Box 14050 Salem, OR 97309-4050 Toll free: 800-556-6616 Web site: www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/CCD/index.shtml Administrative rules/policy manual: http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_400/OAR_414/414_to_fc.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for non-TANF families and contracts with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to determine eligibility for TANF families. The Lead Agency and DHS work together to issue provider payments, depending on families served. The Lead Agency also contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. Approximately 95 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 5 percent of care is provided through contracts. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,471.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,111.00	61%	
Three	\$4,288.00	\$3,644.00	\$2,648.00	62%	
Four	\$5,104.00	\$4,339.00	\$3,184.00	62%	
SMI year: 2007					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Oregon

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Group Area A (Ashlands, Corvallis, Eugene, Monmouth, and Portland Areas)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$900.00/month	\$860.00/month	\$493.00/month
Toddler	\$894.00/month	\$745.00/month	\$466.00/month
Preschool	\$705.00/month	\$688.00/month	\$440.00/month
School Age	\$698.00/month	\$600.00/month	\$436.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Licensed family child care rates represent those for certified family care, and license-exempt rates represent rates for standard family child care (not licensed). Geographic area: Rates vary by zip code group. Rates for Group Area A (Ashlands, Corvallis, Eugene, Monmouth, and Portland areas) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$25.00/month	\$469.00/month	\$469.00/month	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network coordinates the Statewide Mentoring Program implemented through local CCR&R agencies to support provider training and business development.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Oregon Commission on Children and Families funds strategies based on promising practices that will help improve provider retention and quality of care for infants and toddlers. Strategies include scholarships and materials for child care training.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Child care resource and referral agencies help improve the availability and quality of child care through recruitments, training, and technical assistance support for providers.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Oregon's child care system has made a significant investment in school-age care professional development program standards and youth worker core competencies by establishing OregonASK (After School for Kids), an after-school network of more than 25 public and private partners representing education, youth development, and child care and education programs.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Oregon's early learning guidelines for birth to 3 and 3 to 5 are available at www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1408.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education monitors career development through a professional development system. Information is available at www.centerline.pdx.edu/.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Oregon has developed its coordination plan. The Partners for Children and Families is the lead coordination entity for the early childhood system.

Pennsylvania

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Office of Child Development and Early Learning 333 Market Street, 6th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126 Toll free: 877-4PA-KIDS Web site: www.pde.state.pa.us/early_childhood/cwp/view.asp?A=179&Q=124393 Administrative rules/policy manual: www.pacode.com/secure/data/055/chapter3041/chap3041toc.html			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency contracts with county assistance offices to determine eligibility for TANF families. It contracts with child care information service agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, help parents find care, and issue provider payments. It also contracts with Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality sites to coordinate quality activities. The majority of care is provided through certificates. The Lead Agency permits up to 10 percent of its budget to be set aside for contracts to serve special populations, such as teen parents. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,905.07	\$3,319.31	\$2,282.00	58%	
Three	\$4,823.91	\$4,100.32	\$2,862.00	59%	
Four	\$5,742.75	\$4,881.34	\$3,442.00	60%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2007. <u>Note:</u> Pennsylvania has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 235 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Pennsylvania

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Philadelphia County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$42.00/day	\$34.00/day	\$15.00/day
Toddler	\$36.00/day	\$30.00/day	\$14.35/day
Preschool	\$33.00/day	\$28.20/day	\$13.31/day
School Age	\$27.40/day	\$26.00/day	\$15.65/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: August 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure includes two rates for toddlers (young and old) and for school-age children (young and old). Rates for old toddler and school-age children are presented. The rate structure includes a separate rate for group family child care homes and family child care homes. Family child care home rates are presented. License-exempt rates are for noncertified relative/neighbor care. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Philadelphia County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$5.00/week	\$60.00/week	\$60.00/week	May 7, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** Grants are awarded to six Regional Keys areas for the Keystone STARS quality rating and improvement initiative. The Regional Keys distribute funds to local providers, technical assistance providers, community engagement groups, and other early care activities.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The Mind-in-the-Making training module helps providers become more aware of the interaction of young children's social-emotional, language, and cognitive development. An evaluation demonstrated enhanced provider abilities to support infant and toddler development after training participation.
- Resource and Referral Services:** Community engagement groups help raise public awareness about quality early learning programs and distribute brochures and share information at local fairs and in public forums.
- School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency distributes funds through the Regional Keys to help provide specialized training and technical assistance to providers serving school-age children.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Pennsylvania's infant and toddler, prekindergarten, and kindergarten early learning guidelines are available at www.pde.state.pa.us/early_childhood/cwp/view.asp?Q=101706.
- Professional Development Plans:** The Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality is the State's professional development system for early childhood and school-age caregivers. Information is at www.pakeys.org/.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Office of Child Development and Early Learning and its advisory group, the Early Care and Education Advisory Committee, are responsible for implementing its coordination plan.

Puerto Rico

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION				
Lead Agency Contact Information		Administration of the Program		
Administration of Integral Child Care and Development P.O. Box 15091 San Juan, PR 00902-5091 Phone: 787-721-1495 Web site: www.familia.gobierno.pr		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with the Family Socioeconomic Development Administration to determine eligibility for TANF families. It contracts with government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, assist parents in locating care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through certificates as well as through contracts with a broad range of providers, including extended day/year round Head Start centers, licensed centers, school-age programs, and child care networks that include center and family providers. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED				
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)				
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Two	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,036.00	Not applicable
Three	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,279.00	Not applicable
Four	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,523.00	Not applicable
<p><u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income eligibility limits are based on the 1994 Housing and Urban Development Administration median income established for Section 8 applicants.</p>				
Age Eligibility Criteria				
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care				Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision				Yes
Waiting Lists				
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.				
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization				
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.				

Puerto Rico

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Commonwealth-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$249.00/month	\$196.00/month	\$196.00/month
Toddler	\$249.00/month	\$196.00/month	\$196.00/month
Preschool	\$243.00/month	\$175.00/month	\$175.00/month
School Age	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month	\$200.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: September 2007. Note: License-exempt rates represent rates for registered in-home providers and are the same as licensed family child care homes. Geographic area: Commonwealth-wide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$36.00/month	\$48.00/month	A 50% discount is applied for the second child	June 1994	All families required to pay fee	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child and is discounted for additional children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All relative providers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers (i.e., child care centers, group homes, family child care settings, and in-home care).

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** To increase the availability of child care services, greater emphasis will be placed on coordination with other public and private agencies such as Head Start, municipal governments, and other agencies that collaborate to provide early childhood services.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency supports activities that improve the availability and quality of infant and toddler care: mini grants for minor remodeling, equipment and educational materials, training, curriculum development, technical assistance, specialized support personnel, and payments to personnel to maintain appropriate staff-child ratios.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The following activities will be developed with resource and referral targeted funds: consumer education, public awareness campaigns, information dissemination, production and reproduction of supply and demand data, training, and contract consultants in specialized areas.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The following activities will be conducted by the Lead Agency in support of school-age care: direct services for school-age children, training, innovative activities for children, equipment and materials, and parent education.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Puerto Rico's early learning guidelines were designed in 2000 by the Department of Education. These guidelines are slated to be revised.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Lead Agency is working with public and private higher education institutions to gain support for training and other professional development activities.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Puerto Rico is implementing its coordination plan. The Department of Health is responsible for coordinating across early childhood programs.

Rhode Island

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Rhode Island Department of Human Services Office of Child Care 600 New London Avenue Cranston, RI 02920 Toll free: 800-359-4111 Web site: www.dhs.ri.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: www.ridhscode.org/0850.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with Options for Working Parents, a nongovernmental agency, to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,437.00	\$3,771.00	\$2,039.00	46%	
Three	\$5,481.00	\$4,659.00	\$2,576.00	47%	
Four	\$6,525.00	\$5,546.00	\$3,098.00	47%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2008.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Rhode Island

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$182.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$81.00/week
Toddler	\$182.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$81.00/week
Preschool	\$150.00/week	\$150.00/week	\$54.00/week
School Age	\$135.00/week	\$135.00/week	\$53.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Rate structure includes two separate license-exempt rates (noncertified in provider's home and noncertified in child's home). License-exempt rates for noncertified in provider's home are presented. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
0% of income	8% of family income	8% of family income	September 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Rhode Island Child Care Facilities Fund is a public-private partnership that provides free technical assistance on facility expansion, construction and renovation management, loan management, low interest expansion/renovation loans, and grants to family child care providers for renovations and enhancements.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency collaborated with the State Department of Health on a quality improvement contract, the Child Care Support Network, which provides onsite technical assistance to center-based programs and family child care homes serving children from birth to age 3. To measure the impact of the technical assistance project, staff conducts pre- and post-assessments of each participating classroom or home.
- Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency supports Options for Working Parents, a nonprofit community-based resource and referral agency that offers services to families and providers in both English and Spanish and engages businesses in supporting high-quality care for working families.
- School-Age Child Care:** The School Age Action Team addresses community input on improving quality in after-school programs and expanding and improving professional development opportunities for school-age providers.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Early learning guidelines are included in Rhode Island Early Learning Standards, available at www.ride.ri.gov/els/doc.asp.
- Professional Development Plans:** Harbor of Opportunities for Professional Excellence is a coordinated system of career and professional development for early care and education, school-age, and youth care professionals.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Rhode Island is implementing its plan. Information about the Successful Start initiative is available at www.health.ri.gov/family/successfulstart/SuccessfulStartPlan.pdf.

South Carolina

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
South Carolina Department of Social Services Child Care Services P.O. Box 1520 Columbia, SC 29202-1520 Phone: 803-898-2570 Web site: www.state.sc.us/dss/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with the South Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Network to help parents find care and with nongovernmental agencies, such as child care resource and referral agencies, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,283.00	\$2,791.00	\$1,711.00	52%	
Three	\$4,055.00	\$3,447.00	\$2,146.00	53%	
Four	\$4,828.00	\$4,104.00	\$2,581.00	53%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for FY 2007.					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply and does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

South Carolina

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Urban Areas			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$105.00/week	\$87.00/week	\$82.00/week
Toddler	\$105.00/week	\$87.00/week	\$82.00/week
Preschool	\$90.00/week	\$75.00/week	\$70.00/week
School Age	\$78.00/week	\$70.00/week	\$65.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Rates vary by quality level. Licensed rates are for centers (Level C) and family child care homes (Level CC). License-exempt rates are for registered family child care homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by urban and rural areas. Rates for urban areas are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$6.00/week	\$20.00/week	\$40.00/week for 2 children in care	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: The Lead Agency works with the Office of Research and Statistics to integrate licensing and program monitoring data systems, develop child data sets that link with other data systems, and collect feedback to help validate child care data. ■ Infants and Toddlers: South Carolina supports the infrastructure of infant and toddler services by sponsoring professional development opportunities for staff from colleges and universities, State agencies, Head Start, South Carolina First Steps, and the statewide child care resource and referral agency. Staff completed graduate coursework coupled with certification for the Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers. ■ Resource and Referral Services: The State's child care resource and referral network offers trainings and forums for child care providers, information on costs and payment options, and parenting information on safety and child development. ■ School-Age Child Care: The Lead Agency has a contractual agreement with the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance to expand the system by including criteria for school-age program technical assistance.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Early learning standards for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds are available at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/ece/standards05.html>.
- **Professional Development Plans:** South Carolina's professional development plans are being developed. Information about the Center for Child Care Career Development is available at www.sc-cccd.net/.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency is responsible for ensuring coordination.

South Dakota

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Social Services Division of Child Care Services 700 Governors Drive Pierre, SD 57501 Toll free: 800-227-3020 Web site: http://dss.sd.gov/childcare/ Administrative rules/policy manual: http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=67:47			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with regional child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care and implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided primarily through certificates, with two communities receiving grants to purchase slots in child care centers serving one-stop career centers for TANF families. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,511.00	\$2,984.00	\$2,282.00	65%	
Three	\$4,337.00	\$3,687.00	\$2,862.00	66%	
Four	\$5,163.00	\$4,339.00	\$3,442.00	67%	
SMI year: 2007					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

South Dakota

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Minnehaha County			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$3.50/hour	\$2.50/hour	\$1.45/hour
Toddler	\$3.50/hour	\$2.50/hour	\$1.45/hour
Preschool	\$3.00/hour	\$2.40/hour	\$1.45/hour
School Age	\$2.55/hour	\$2.40/hour	\$1.45/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: Family child care providers are not licensed. The State has a system of voluntary registration for family child care providers. License-exempt rates are for unregulated providers. Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Minnehaha County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	15% of family income or \$429/month	15% of family income or \$429/month	March 1, 2007	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: South Dakota is developing a quality rating system. It will be in the planning and implementation phases for the next 2 years. ■ Infants and Toddlers: A special incentive program encourages caregivers to participate in infant and toddler training. Regulated caregivers who complete 20 hours of infant and toddler training are eligible to apply for a mini-grant toward the purchase of specific resources or to help staff pay for training attendance. ■ Resource and Referral Services: Five early childhood enrichment programs serve the Lead Agency by providing child care resource and referral services under contract. ■ School-Age Child Care: South Dakota established an Afterschool Discussion List to enable the State's out-of-school time programs to discuss current issues, readily access help, or share ideas with other out-of-school time directors in the State. The discussion list currently has 161 subscribers.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** South Dakota's early learning guidelines for 3- to 5-year-olds are available at <http://dss.sd.gov/childcare/whatsnew/>.
- **Professional Development Plans:** South Dakota is implementing its professional development plan. Information about Pathways to Professional Development is available at <http://dss.sd.gov/childcare/pathwaystopd/>.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Division of Child Care Services, in partnership with the South Dakota Alliance for Children, is responsible for implementing the coordination plan.

Tennessee

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Services 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37248-9600 Phone: 615-313-4770 Web site: www.state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/cc_main.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.tennessee.gov/humanserv/adfam/cccp-manual.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and provides resource and referral services in 4 urban counties, while other community agencies determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and provide resource and referral services in the remaining 91 counties across the State. The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,140.00	\$2,669.00	\$1,884.00	60%	
Three	\$3,878.00	\$3,297.00	\$2,327.00	60%	
Four	\$4,617.00	\$3,924.00	\$2,770.00	60%	
SMI year: 2005					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply and does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Tennessee

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Top 20 Counties

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$110.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$60.00/week
Toddler	\$105.00/week	\$85.00/week	\$60.00/week
Preschool	\$91.00/week	\$80.00/week	\$56.00/week
School Age	\$75.00/week	\$65.00/week	\$46.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure includes two separate rates for school-age (school-age in rates are for before- and after-school care, and school-age out rates are for full-day care when schools are not in session). The rates for school-age out are presented. The rate structure also includes a separate rate for group family homes. License-exempt rates are for unregulated homes. Geographic area: Rates vary by the Top 20 Counties (highest average populations and incomes), by the 75 other counties, as well as by tiered quality level. State rates for Top 20 Counties are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$1.00/week	\$48.00/week	Fee for each additional child is reduced by 25%	July 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fee for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** The Tennessee Report Card and Star Quality Program, by State statute, requires all licensed providers to undergo an annual evaluation and receive a report card describing evaluation results. All licensed agencies must display the report card prominently to help parents identify and choose a quality provider.
- Infants and Toddlers:** The State child care resource and referral (CCR&R) network has more than eight full-time infant/toddler specialists who offer training about promising practices to infant and toddler providers.
- Resource and Referral Services:** In 2006, CCR&R agencies began offering technical assistance (TA) linked to workshop topics, assessment scores, and other areas. Specialists help providers develop goals and outcomes as part of this assistance. Providers receive credit from licensing for the time spent developing goals and outcomes.
- School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency received a TA grant from The Afterschool Investments Project to determine the mission and vision of a School Age Network in Tennessee. This group also encouraged the State Department of Education to pursue an application for a Mott Foundation Grant to support this network further.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Tennessee's Early Learning Developmental Standards are available at <http://tennessee.gov/education/ci/standards/earlychildhood>.
- Professional Development Plans:** The Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance provides the statewide professional development training and education system. Information is available at <http://tecta.info/>.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency works in conjunction with other State agencies and sectors of the early childhood field to further collaboration efforts.

Texas

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Texas Workforce Commission Child Care Services 101 East 15th Street, Room 440T Austin, TX 78778-0001 Toll free: 2-1-1 Web site: www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/childcare/ccinfo.html Administrative rules/policy manual: http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_vie w=4&ti=40&pt=20&ch=809			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with each of the State's 28 Local Workforce Development Boards to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provide resource and referral services, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. Because State law prohibits boards from directly delivering services, CCDF services are implemented through subcontracts. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,259.00	\$2,770.00	\$1,711.00	53%	
Three	\$4,026.00	\$3,422.00	\$2,146.00	53%	
Four	\$4,793.00	\$4,074.00	\$2,581.00	54%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2007. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility varies by locality and ranges from 51 percent to 85 percent of SMI. It also varies by type of applicant (i.e., basic eligibility, transitional, extended year, teen parents). Basic eligibility income limits for Gulf Coast Local Workforce Board are presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Texas

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Gulf Coast Board			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$24.72/day	\$20.60/day	\$15.17/day
Toddler	\$21.63/day	\$18.54/day	\$13.19/day
Preschool	\$19.57/day	\$17.51/day	\$11.30/day
School Age	\$18.54/day	\$13.39/day	\$9.42/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 1, 2007. Note: The rate structure has rates for four types of care: licensed centers, licensed child care homes (group homes), registered child care homes (family child care homes), and unregulated relative care settings. License-exempt rates are for unregulated relative care settings. Geographic area: Rates vary by Workforce Development Board. Gulf Coast Board rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
11% of income	11% of income	13% of income for 2 or more children	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. Parental fees may be reduced for families who have seven or more members, who have school-age children, or who have children who are cared for on a part-time basis.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency has a tiered reimbursement rate system, TRS Provider Certification, for providers meeting higher licensing standards. TRS is available for both licensed and registered providers.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) is a state-mandated project to improve children's kindergarten readiness. Infant and toddler care activities include infant and toddler caregiver training and tiered reimbursement for providers meeting higher child care licensing standards for infants and toddlers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The 2-1-1 Texas system—including phone and Web-based systems—is the single point of coordination for statewide information and referral. It collects and disseminates early and after-school care program information through the Internet and answers public requests for this information.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The State Center for Early Childhood Development continues to support and expand TEEM sites, which integrate prekindergarten, child care services, and Head Start through high-quality teacher training. The center increased the number of school-age TEEM providers.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Texas Prekindergarten Curriculum Guidelines are available at www.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/early/prekguide.html.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Texas is implementing its plan. Information about the Texas Early Childhood Education Career Development System is available at www.uth.tmc.edu/tececds.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The State Center for Early Child Development is responsible for implementing the coordination plan for early education and care programs.

Utah

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Workforce Services Office of Child Care 140 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Phone: 801-526-4340 Web site: http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/occ/Administrative rules/policy manual: www.jobs.utah.gov/Infosource/eligibilitymanual/Eligibility_Manual.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. It contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including universities and community colleges, to help parents find care and implement quality activities. All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,287.00	\$2,794.00	\$2,007.00	61%	
Three	\$4,060.00	\$3,451.00	\$2,479.00	61%	
Four	\$4,833.00	\$4,108.00	\$2,951.00	61%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Utah

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$564.00/month	\$450.00/month	\$340.00/month
Toddler	\$495.00/month	\$430.00/month	\$304.00/month
Preschool	\$450.00/month	\$420.00/month	\$288.00/month
School Age	\$396.00/month	\$389.00/month	\$276.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: There are three types of license-exempt rates: license-exempt homes, certified homes, and license-exempt centers. Rates for license-exempt homes are provided. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$10.00/month	\$255.00/month	\$281.00/month	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- Quality Set-Aside:** Utah's Training and Longevity Wage Supplement Program offers licensed caregivers a yearly wage supplement between \$100 and \$900. The supplement amount depends on a combination of the provider's level on the State's career ladder and years of continuous employment in the same child care program.
- Infants and Toddlers:** As part of the Baby Steps Quality Improvement Project, all centers providing infant and/or toddler care are eligible for annual grants to increase quality and help offset care costs. Directors and caregivers attend 40 hours of training to obtain the Infant/Toddler Endorsement in their first year of participation.
- Resource and Referral Services:** Child care resource and referral agencies encourage recruitment of new, and retention of existing, family child care providers by offering a Family Start-Up Grant Program. This program provides technical assistance, training, and resources to help providers meet State and local standards. It awarded more than 500 grants in 2006.
- School-Age Child Care:** The Office of Child Care contracts with the Utah Afterschool Network for an after-school mentor to assist Utah programs in quality self-assessment using the School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale and the National Afterschool Association Quality Standards.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Utah's early learning guidelines are available in English and Spanish at www.schools.utah.gov/curr/preschool%2Dkindergarten/pkguidelines.htm.
- Professional Development Plans:** Utah's professional development plan is being developed with input from the Child Care Professional Development Institute and the Utah Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. Information about Utah's professional development activities is available at www.slcc.edu/ccpdi/.
- Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** There is no single entity responsible for ensuring coordination. The Office of Child Care in the Utah Department of Workforce Services has been taking the lead with child care professional development and quality improvement.

Vermont

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Agency of Human Services Department for Children and Families 103 South Main Street, A Building Waterbury, VT 05671-5500 Toll free: 800-649-2642 Web site: www.dcf.state.vt.us/cdd/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dcf.state.vt.us/cdd/Assets/PolicyPDFs/Subsidy_Specialist_Policy_Manual.pdf			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with community-based agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and help parents find care. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the Vermont Northern Lights Career Development Center, to implement quality activities. Approximately 80 percent of care is provided through certificates, while the remaining 20 percent is provided through contracts with 27 agencies across the State. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,134.00	\$2,664.00	\$2,586.00	83%	
Three	\$3,134.00	\$2,664.00	\$2,586.00	83%	
Four	\$3,776.00	\$3,210.00	\$3,115.00	83%	
SMI year: 1999					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Vermont

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$129.22/week	\$129.22/week	\$16.03/day
Toddler	\$128.15/week	\$128.15/week	\$16.03/day
Preschool	\$114.14/week	\$114.14/week	\$13.39/week
School Age	\$111.36/week	\$111.36/week	\$13.39/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 8, 2007. Note: Licensed rates are the same for center and family child care homes. License-exempt rates represent the legally exempt rates in Vermont's rate structure. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
0% of payment rate	90% of payment rate	90% of payment rate	March 10, 2005	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
Yes	Not applicable	Yes	Yes	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** Vermont's newly formed Public Education Coordinating Committee is charged with developing key early childhood messages; working with business leaders, policymakers, and the legislature; and organizing the annual Early Childhood Legislative Day to enhance consumer education.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Grants for expansion of infant and toddler and school-age care programs are awarded annually to address capacity issues. More than 300 additional infant and toddler and 400 school-age care slots have been created as a result of these grants.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Vermont Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies is made up of 12 community child care support agencies across the State.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency supports the development and delivery of high-quality, school-age care by designating an after-school program director with specialized background in school-age child care to provide technical assistance and oversee development of the after-school care system.

Good Start, Grow Smart Planning and Development

- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Vermont's early learning guidelines are available at www.dcf.state.vt.us/cdd/pdfs/2006-03-29-VELS_booklet.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Northern Lights Career Development Center coordinates Vermont's professional development activities. Information is at <http://northernlights.vsc.edu/>.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Building Bright Futures Council is implementing the coordination plan. Information is at <http://governor.vermont.gov/tools/index.php?topic=ExecutiveOrders&id=1907&v=Article>.

Virginia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Virginia Department of Social Services 7 North 8th Street Richmond, VA 23219 Phone: 804-726-7000 Web site: www.dss.virginia.gov Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/policy_manual.cgi			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with local department of social services (DSS) agencies to determine eligibility for TANF families. The Lead Agency also contracts with DSS agencies and other government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for non-TANF families, assist parents in locating care, issue provider payments, and implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,388.00	\$3,730.00	\$2,853.00	65%	
Three	\$5,420.00	\$4,607.00	\$3,578.00	66%	
Four	\$6,453.00	\$5,485.00	\$4,303.00	67%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Income eligibility varies by locality. Income eligibility limits for Fairfax County are presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency does not serve all who apply; it maintains a waiting list when conditions warrant.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.					

Virginia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Fairfax County/City and Falls Church

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$232.00/week	\$181.00/week	\$153.00/week
Toddler	\$224.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$148.00/week
Preschool	\$191.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$145.00/week
School Age	\$148.00/week	\$133.00/week	\$133.00/week

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: September 1, 2004. Note: Rates for center and family child care are for licensed providers (Level 2). License-exempt rates are for unlicensed family child care homes, relatives, and in-home care. The rate structure includes four separate rates for school-age care (full time, before school, after school, and before/after school). Rates for full-time, school-age care are presented. Geographic area: Rates vary by region and county. Rates for Fairfax County/City and Falls Church are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
2.5% of income	9.5% of income	10% of income	October 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family. The sliding fee scale varies by locality. The Fairfax County fee scale is presented. There is a minimum fee of \$30.10 monthly/\$7 weekly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Not applicable	No	No	Some or all relatives subject to different requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Early Childhood Alignment Project, a partnership of State agencies and higher education institutions, is developing standards for a quality rating system to inform parents and improve provider quality.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** In collaboration with other State agencies and private partners, Virginia provides toolkits to new parents, which include information about child care, growth and development, health care, and infant safety.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network helps families identify and locate child care programs and collects and disseminates child care data. These services may be expanded to include specific data collection, outreach, professional development, and others.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency is using existing resources to create a School-Age Child Care Provider Credential, which will meet the Virginia Directors licensing requirement.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Virginia's early learning guidelines for children birth through kindergarten and 4-year-olds are available at www.education.virginia.gov/Initiatives/EarlyChildhood/MCD_6_07.pdf and www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Elem_M/FoundationBlocks.pdf, respectively.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Virginia does not have a professional development plan, but has developed core competencies and is developing a career lattice.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Governor's Working Group on Early Childhood Initiatives is coordinating the development of Virginia's plan. Information is available at www.education.virginia.gov/Initiatives/EarlyChildhood/Virginias_Plan_Smart_Beg.doc.

Virgin Islands

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION				
Lead Agency Contact Information		Administration of the Program		
Department of Human Services Knud Hansen Complex Building A 1303 Hospital Ground St. Thomas, VI 00802 Phone: 340-774-0930, ext. 4180 or 340-774-1166		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, provides resource and referral services, and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency implements quality activities in coordination with other government and nongovernmental agencies. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED				
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)				
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility	
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI
Two	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,557.67	Not applicable
Three	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$1,800.09	Not applicable
Four	Not applicable	Not applicable	\$2,022.50	Not applicable
<p><u>Note:</u> SMI data are not available for the Territories. Income limits are based on other sources.</p>				
Age Eligibility Criteria				
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.				
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care				Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision				Yes
Waiting Lists				
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and has a process to establish a waiting list when conditions warrant.				
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization				
The maximum length of eligibility is 12 months.				

Virgin Islands

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Territory-wide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month
Toddler	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month
Preschool	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month	\$280.00/month
School Age	\$150.00/month	\$150.00/month	\$150.00/month

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: October 2006. Note: The State rate ceiling is set at the 85th percentile of the market rate for all categories of care. Geographic area: Territory-wide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00/week	\$10.00/week	\$10.00/week	October 1, 2006	Yes, all families at or below poverty level	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All relative providers are subject to the same health and safety requirements as other providers (i.e., child care centers, group homes, family child care settings, and in-home care).

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency is working to partner with community professional organizations and the University of the Virgin Islands to offer a comprehensive training program in nontraditional child care areas, including business principles, entrepreneurship, business and technical writing, tax preparation, personnel administration, procurement, contract administration, and grant writing.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** The Lead Agency offers scholarships to infant and toddler service providers for the Inclusive Early Childhood Certificate Program at the University of the Virgin Islands.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency conducts consumer education campaigns on quality child care through pamphlets, brochures, and the media; provides training opportunities for child care service providers; distributes minigrants to assist child care settings in meeting licensing and regulatory requirements; and maintains a listing of child care facilities by location and capacity.
- **School-Age Child Care:** Through minigrants, the Lead Agency distributes funds to help child care settings implement and expand school-age programs.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The Virgin Islands is developing its early learning guidelines.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The Virgin Islands is planning to compile a comprehensive professional development plan.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** A formal plan is being developed in conjunction with the early learning guidelines and professional development plan.

Washington

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Department of Early Learning P.O. Box 40970 Olympia, WA 98504-0970 Toll free: 800-446-1114 Web site: www.del.wa.gov/index.shtml Administrative rules/policy manual: www1.dshs.wa.gov/esa/wccc/			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Through an interagency agreement with the Lead Agency, the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (the TANF Lead Agency) determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,086.00	\$3,473.00	\$2,282.00	56%	
Three	\$5,047.00	\$4,290.00	\$2,862.00	57%	
Four	\$6,009.00	\$5,107.00	\$3,442.00	57%	
<u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Income eligibility limits are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG).					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply and maintains a waiting list only for seasonal programs.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Washington

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Region IV (King County)

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$43.09/day	\$38.87/day	\$2.14/hour
Toddler	\$35.98/day	\$33.80/day	\$2.14/hour
Preschool	\$30.18/day	\$28.48/day	\$2.14/hour
School Age	\$27.18/day	\$27.34/day	\$2.14/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: License-exempt rates are for in-home providers. Geographic area: Rates vary by region. Rates for Region IV (King County) are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$15.00/month	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of FPIG	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of FPIG	April 1, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Not applicable	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** As a result of 2007 legislation, an assessment will be conducted to determine what parents need to learn about care options in their communities. The results will be shared with State and local partners to explore options for increasing parental choice.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Through a contract with the Washington State Department of Health, local health jurisdictions receive funding for nurse consultants who help promote the health, safety, and development of infants and toddlers in licensed child care facilities.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** Building Bridges with Higher Education is a training partnership among local CCR&R agencies, which provide onsite coaching, and community/technical colleges, which sponsor course modules for providers to take one college credit course and earn State Training and Registry System continuing education hours.
- **School-Age Child Care:** School's Out Washington coordinates the Washington Regional Action Project network in six regions to develop a regional system of care and support for school-age children and their families. School's Out Washington also leverages public dollars with grants from private foundations.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *Washington State Early Learning and Development Benchmarks, A Guide to Young Children's Learning and Development: From Birth to Kindergarten Entry* is available at www.del.wa.gov/PDF/ccel/BenchmarksColor.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** The professional development plan will be formulated after the State completes changes to its early childhood system infrastructure.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** A new Early Learning Advisory Council is charged to work with the Lead Agency to develop a statewide early learning coordination plan.

West Virginia

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Children and Families 350 Capitol Street, Room B18 Charleston, WV 25301 Phone: 304-558-1885 Web site: www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/ece/ Administrative rules/policy manual: www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/ece/earlycare/policy.asp			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families, assist parents in finding care, and issue provider payments. It also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies, including the West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist Program, to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$2,963.00	\$2,519.00	\$2,012.00	55%	
Three	\$3,660.00	\$3,111.00	\$2,012.00	55%	
Four	\$4,358.00	\$3,704.00	\$2,419.00	56%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> West Virginia has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 185 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

West Virginia

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$25.00/day	\$17.00/day	\$7.50/day
Toddler	\$20.00/day	\$16.00/day	\$6.00/day
Preschool	\$19.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$6.00/day
School Age	\$18.00/day	\$15.00/day	\$6.00/day

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2003. Note: Rates vary by quality level. Rates for base level (Tier 1) are presented. The rate structure includes a separate rate for family child care facilities and family child care homes. Rates for family child care homes are presented. License-exempt rates represent rates for informal/relative child care. The rate structure includes separate rates for in-home care and unlicensed school-age care. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.00	\$3.75/day	\$7.50/day	January 1, 2006	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Yes	Yes	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

- | SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Quality Set-Aside: The Traveling Resource and Information and Library System moves by van to family child care homes and centers to provide technical assistance and materials that support quality care. ■ Infants and Toddlers: The West Virginia Infant/Toddler Professional Development Program has four components: a 32-hour train-the-trainer module; a 2-day module for administrators; 50 hours of training for caregivers; and a performance measurement module. ■ Resource and Referral Services: Six child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies provide a variety of services, including certificate system management, CCR&R services, and provider training. ■ School-Age Child Care: The West Virginia Cooperative Extension Service sustains a statewide after-school care partnership. It raises awareness about the importance of accessible, high-quality programs for all school-age children, shares promising practices with providers and the public, and promotes program sustainability. |

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** *West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework: Content Standards and Learning Criteria for Pre-Kindergarten* is available at www.wvdhhr.org/oss/pieces/ta/documents/wv%20elsf.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Information about West Virginia's PIECES (Partners Implementing the Early Care and Education System) Professional Development Subcommittee is available at www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/ece/pieces/pd.asp.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The PIECES Advisory Council is charged with creating an early childhood system for services for children birth to age 5.

Wisconsin

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Child Care Section 201 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 7972 Madison, WI 53707-7972 Phone: 608-266-3443 Web site: http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/default.htm Administrative rules/policy manual: www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/childcare/wishares/manual.htm			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency directly issues provider payments and contracts with child care resource and referral agencies to help parents find care. It contracts with county agencies, Tribes, United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc., Wisconsin Works agencies (TANF agencies), and with other government and nongovernmental agencies to determine eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families. The Lead Agency also contracts with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ Care is provided through certificates and contracts. However, contracts are available only under special circumstances for care that is hard to find, including short-term care, care for migrant workers, and other types of care. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$4,027.00	\$3,423.00	\$2,111.00	52%	
Three	\$4,974.00	\$4,228.00	\$2,647.00	53%	
Four	\$5,922.00	\$5,034.00	\$3,184.00	54%	
<p><u>SMI year:</u> 2008. <u>Note:</u> Wisconsin has a tiered eligibility system. Entry-level income eligibility is set at 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG), and the exit level is set at 200 percent of FPIG. Entry-level income is presented.</p>					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					No
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Wisconsin

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Milwaukee County

Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$232.00/week	\$190.00/week	\$4.07/hour
Toddler	\$200.00/week	\$175.00/week	\$3.75/hour
Preschool	\$180.00/week	\$165.00/week	\$3.54/hour
School Age	\$175.00/week	\$155.00/week	\$3.32/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: December 24, 2006. Note: Center rates represent rates for licensed group. License-exempt rates represent rates for regularly certified care (the rate structure includes a separate rate for provisionally certified providers). Geographic area: Rates vary by county. Rates for Milwaukee County are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three

Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$5.00/week	\$60.00/week	\$75.00/week for 2 children in care	March 11, 2007	Yes, some families at or below poverty level	No

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program are presented. Note: Parental fee is per family, increasing based on number of children in care up to a maximum fee for five children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	Not applicable	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The State funds regional community collaboration coaches to link individual programs and agencies through joint training and information sharing. The coaches encourage collaboration among child care, preschool, Head Start, and school-based programs.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** Wisconsin developed the Infant Toddler Credential specifically to provide appropriate and effective training for infant and toddler caregivers.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Wisconsin Child Care Information Center (CCIC) is an information clearinghouse for providers and other child care professionals. The CCIC lending library is accessible to child care programs through its toll-free number. Callers also can receive specific information and referrals.
- **School-Age Child Care:** T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® Wisconsin scholarships are available to school-age care providers who are interested in credit-based education. R.E.W.A.R.D.™ (Rewarding Education with Wages And Respect for Dedication) Wisconsin stipends are available to school-age care providers who meet eligibility criteria. The Lead Agency has a contract with the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association for the administration of the scholarship and bonus initiatives.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** The State's early learning guidelines, *Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards*, are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong at www.collaboratingpartners.com/EarlyLS_docs.htm.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners is the umbrella for the State's professional development initiative. Information is at www.collaboratingpartners.com.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** The Lead Agency works in conjunction with other State agencies and other sectors of the early childhood field to develop its coordination plan.

Wyoming

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ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION					
Lead Agency Contact Information			Administration of the Program		
Wyoming Department of Family Services 2300 Capitol Avenue Hathaway Building, 3rd Floor Cheyenne, WY 82002 Phone: 307-777-6848 Web site: http://dfswapps.state.wy.us Administrative rules/policy manual: http://thresholdcomputer.net/dfs/training			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Lead Agency determines eligibility for TANF and non-TANF families and issues provider payments. The Lead Agency contracts with child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies to help parents find care and with a combination of government and nongovernmental agencies to implement quality activities. ■ All care is provided through the certificate program. 		
CHILD CARE SERVICES OFFERED					
Income Eligibility Limit as a Percent of State Median Income (SMI)					
Family Size	100% of SMI (Monthly)	85% of SMI (Monthly)	Lower Than 85% of SMI, If Used to Limit Eligibility		
			Amount (Monthly)	Percent of SMI	
Two	\$3,566.00	\$3,031.00	\$2,282.00	64%	
Three	\$4,405.00	\$3,745.00	\$2,862.00	65%	
Four	\$5,244.00	\$4,458.00	\$3,442.00	66%	
SMI year: 2008					
Age Eligibility Criteria					
CCDF serves children up to age 13. States and Territories may chose to serve children older than 13 under certain conditions.					
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self care					Yes
Children older than 13 but younger than 19 who are under court supervision					Yes
Waiting Lists					
The Lead Agency serves all who apply; it does not maintain a waiting list.					
Maximum Length of Eligibility Upon Initial Authorization					
The maximum length of eligibility is 6 months.					

Wyoming

Reimbursement Rate Ceiling – Statewide			
Age	Licensed		License Exempt
	Center	Family Child Care	
Infant	\$27.38/day	\$25.00/day	\$1.75/hour
Toddler	\$27.00/day	\$25.00/day	\$1.75/hour
Preschool	\$24.54/day	\$22.50/day	\$1.75/hour
School Age	\$21.58/day	\$22.00/day	\$1.75/hour

For illustrative purposes, reimbursement rate ceilings for full-time care in the largest urban area are presented. Effective date of payment rates: July 1, 2007. Note: There are two separate rates for preschool ages (2- to 3-year-olds and 4- to 5-year-olds). Rates for 4- to 5-year-olds are presented. License-exempt rates are for legally exempt providers. Geographic area: Statewide rates are presented.

Sliding Fee Scale for Family of Three					
Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for First Child	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Effective Date	Waive Sliding Fee	Allow Additional Fees
\$0.05/hour	\$0.50/hour	\$1.00/hour for 2 children	April 1, 2007	All families required to pay fee	Yes

For illustrative purposes, the minimum and maximum fees for full-time care for a family of three upon entry into the program is presented. Note: Parental fee is per child.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS				
All center-based providers subject to State licensing	All group home providers subject to State licensing	All family child care providers subject to State licensing	All in-home providers subject to State licensing	Exemptions for Relatives
No	No	No	No	All relatives subject to the same requirements

SELECTED QUALITY ACTIVITIES

- **Quality Set-Aside:** The Lead Agency funds a child care apprenticeship program. Participants earn 15 college credits and complete 4,000 hours of supervised on-the-job training. The apprentices' employers are required to increase their wages upon program completion. Apprentices are tracked longitudinally to document retention in the field and wage increases.
- **Infants and Toddlers:** WestEd conducted two Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers trainer institutes in Wyoming. Fifty individuals completed the training and now provide training in local communities.
- **Resource and Referral Services:** The Lead Agency's contract for CCR&R services is performance-based and requires an increased number of referrals and consumer education each year.
- **School-Age Child Care:** The Lead Agency is working on revising its licensing regulations for school-age care through a collaborative workgroup.

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- **Voluntary Early Learning Guidelines:** Wyoming's early learning guidelines, the Early Childhood Readiness Standards, are available at www.k12.wy.us/SAA/standards/earlychild.pdf.
- **Professional Development Plans:** Wyoming is developing its professional development plan. Information about Wyoming's professional development activities is available at www.wykids.org/stars/.
- **Plan for Early Childhood Program Coordination:** Wyoming is planning to create a system for improved program coordination and governance.